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SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS DISPROVED.

PENANG SENSATION.

Edinburgh University Man Defends His Honour.

EVIDENCE OF TWO WOMEN IS REJECTED.

Arrested on what the Judge termed, "an abominably false charge" a Penang doctor, A. F. Shirras, a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery of Edinburgh University, has been acquitted after two hearings.

The evidence of two women was rejected by the Court.

Although the Judge admitted that no jury would convict on the evidence for the prosecution, he allowed the doctor to tell his story in the witness box in view of his professional status. Action by the Public Prosecutor is foreshadowed in another report of the case.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TO ACT?

Penang, Aug. 23.

The case in which serious allegations are made against Dr. A. F. Shirras, of the firm of J. G. Mieson, Sharp and McKern, by Miss F. I. McIntyre, of Butterworth, was heard to-day by the District Judge at Butterworth.

Mr. Crabb-Watt, D.P.P., conducted the prosecution and Mr. B. E. Ross and the Hon. F. G. Simpson appeared for the defendant and the Malaya branch of the British Medical Association, who supported the defence.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

The D.P.P. said the charge was made under Section 354 and it was only right to point out that charges of that kind were easy to make and hard to rebut. The main evidence would be the evidence of the woman who, it was alleged, was assaulted.

The house at that time was tenanted by Mr. D. W. F. Hately and the latter was living with the second witness, Wan Chee, to whom he had been married about three years, according to Mohammedan rites. Hately, sometime during the last twelve months, made the acquaintance of Miss McIntyre and had been intimate with her, with the result that she was in a certain condition.

THE ALLEGED OFFENCE.

On July 16 Miss McIntyre joined Hately's household at Butterworth at the request of Hately, who was indisposed. At the time of the alleged offence there was Hately, his Mohammedan wife and Miss McIntyre in the house.

Apparently Miss McIntyre was seized with a pain and was ill on July 17 and in consequence Hately telephoned Dr. Shirras, who had been his doctor for a number of years. Dr. Shirras could not attend and Dr. Shirras was called. Hately was waiting at the house for him and told him that Miss McIntyre was ill. The defendant made an examination of Miss McIntyre and decided that an injection was necessary. Dr. Shirras stayed with Miss McIntyre for a considerable time as she was lying as though dead in the front room and it was then, it was alleged, that defendant committed the offence complained of.

Hately came in from an adjoining room and defendant sent him to the hospital to get a sleeping draught. Apparently the former had suspicions of what had been taking place and told his Mohammedan wife to remain with the defendant. It was alleged that after Hately left the defendant ordered Wan Chee, the Malay wife, out of the room and again committed an offence. Wan Chee apparently was suspicious and went downstairs and climbed a coconut tree and was a spectator of what happened.

Before Hately came back with the medicine the incident complained of terminated and the defendant left. When Hately arrived at the house his Mohammedan wife made a complaint. He went upstairs and Miss McIntyre made the same complaint.

TALK OF "SETTLEMENT."

Hately would testify that the

defendant came to the house again and endeavoured to have some conversation, saying he wanted to talk things over. The same morning Hately went to Penang and interviewed Dr. Shirras. The latter advised him to see Dr. McKern, in whose office defendant was an assistant. An interview took place, at which defendant was present. The allegations were denied and there was considerable unpleasantness. Hately consulted his solicitors and followed their advice to see the police.

This concluded the D.P.P.'s opening statement and witnesses were called.

JUDGE'S STRICTURES.

The District Judge observed that the statement of Wan Chee to the effect that no assault was committed while she and Hately were in the adjoining room was not consistent with the evidence of Miss McIntyre. During the taking of Hately's evidence the Judge said that no jury would convict but he would not stop the case owing to the professional status of the defendant. Miss McIntyre's evidence was inconsistent with that given by Wan Chee, which had been proved to be false, and the evidence of Hately himself was unreliable.

The case was adjourned until Friday and Counsel are considering the position.

Dr. Shirras was congratulated outside the Court by doctors and others.

CASE PROCEEDS.

Penang, Aug. 24.
The case was resumed to-day of the serious charge against Dr. Shirras at Penang. At the end of the case for the prosecution the District Judge observed that no jury would convict on that evidence, but he would allow the defence to proceed in order that the defendant could tell his story.

Dr. Shirras said he was a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Edinburgh University. On the day in question he met Hately outside the gates of his house and the latter told him Miss McIntyre was ill at his house. He went there, but made no examination. From her mental condition he saw that an injection would be necessary and returned to his house, accompanied by Hately, for instruments. Hately told him the girl was suffering from a threatened abortion and somebody in Penang had been giving her quinine. Hately admitted he was responsible for the girl's condition. He then returned to the patient and sat down by the side of the bed and examined her. He was worried about her mental condition only, he spoke to her for some minutes, but was not successful in calming her. She was lying fairly quietly on the bed but was moaning. She was very hysterical and finally threw herself across his knees, witness got up and left the house immediately.

"BE NICE."

Dr. McKern, defendant's employer, in evidence referred to the visit of Hately to his surgery, when Hately made allegations against Dr. Shirras. He did not believe the story and there was a scene. Witness alleged that Hately said, "If you will only be nice about things I will wash the whole thing right out."

His Honour said as he had fore-

CLAIM OVER HAYNES' AUSTIN 7.

DETENTION OF CAR.

MESSRS. ALEX ROSS & CO. SUE KOWLOON HOTEL.

HIRE-PURCHASE SEQUEL.

Arising out of L. E. Haynes' purchase of an Austin Seven motor-car on the hire-purchase system some time ago from Messrs. Alex Ross & Co. (China), Ltd., a dispute has arisen.

It appears that Haynes gave the Kowloon Hotel, of Hankow-road, a letter purporting to be authority to sell the car, for his account, if he did not return to Hong Kong by a certain date which is now past. Messrs. Alex Ross maintain that a substantial part of the purchase money has not been paid and that the car is still their property.

Messrs. Alex Ross have issued a writ against the Kowloon Hotel and the case came before Mr. Justice P. Jackson (Puisne Judge) in the Summary Court this morning. Messrs. Alex Ross' claim is for the return of the car alleged to be detained by the Kowloon Hotel, or \$336.53 (its value) plus \$50 (for its detention).

Messrs. Lo and Lo appear for the Hotel and they were represented in Court this morning by Mr. A. E. Hall. Mr. Owen is for Messrs. Alex Ross, the plaintiffs. An adjournment was ordered.

SACKS OF RICE.

CHINESE SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

FAMILIAR EXCUSE.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, in answer to a charge of the larceny of a sack of rice.

Evidence for the prosecution indicated that defendant was arrested in Argyle-street by a Chinese detective with the sack of rice slung on his shoulder, which defendant stated was given him to carry.

A fine of \$10 or 14 days' jail with hard labour was imposed, and an order was made that the sacks be kept by the police for a week, after which, if not claimed, they were to be sold.

shadowed yesterday evening after hearing the evidence of the first three witnesses there could be no conviction. The D.P.P. had stated that the material witnesses were two women and he realised their evidence had been such that he could place no reliance upon it. That opinion had been strengthened by the evidence he had heard to-day. The evidence of the Malay girl contradicted that of complainant, and there was no consistency of conduct. The case rested on the evidence of complainant herself and she had told a number of stories which did not tally. It was clear it was an abominably false charge. Dr. Shirras was cleared entirely. He had gone into the witness box and told a very clear story of what actually happened and he accepted that story entirely just as he rejected the story of the prosecution entirely. He had nothing further to say.

Dr. Shirras was acquitted and discharged.—(Singapore Free Press.)

LIFE AT THE NORTH POLE.

SEALER "HOBBY."

AEROPLANES ICE-CLAD: WIRELESS OUT OF ACTION.

FRUITLESS SEARCH.

Oso, Yesterday.

The Admiralty announces that the sealer "Hobby," which is still searching for the missing members of the "Italia" and Amundsen, fruitlessly explored Queen Victoria Land, then proceeded to Franz Joseph Land, and Alexandra Land. The "Hobby" experienced heavy gales and high seas, while ice formed all over the ship's super-

MORE RAIN.

East winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some rain, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The typhoon is central over the Sea of Japan.

A trough of low pressure extends from N. Indo-China to Far East of the Philippines.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9.30 a.m. to-day:

"Manila, 30th, 7.30 p.m. Typhoon is about 138° Long E. and 15° Lat N. almost stationary."

structure and covered the two aeroplanes while on deck, putting out of action the ship's wireless apparatus.

Sensational Telegram.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.

The newspaper "Aftenposten" has received a telegram from Harstad stating that wreckage of Amundsen's aeroplane has been found at sea off the Lofoten Islands.

Baseless Rumours.

Oso, Yesterday.

All enquiries, so far, indicate that the rumours of the finding of the wreckage of Amundsen's aeroplane are baseless.—Reuter.

IN DUBLIN.

MR. KELLOGG RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM.

FREEDOM OF CITY.

Dublin, Yesterday.

Mr. F. B. Kellogg, U.S. Secretary of the State Department, and Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Irish Free State, aboard the United States warship "Detroit," arrived at Kingstown this morning from Paris and were greeted by a salvo 18 guns, while there was a dense crowd on the pier.

The Vice-President, Ministers, Mrs. Cosgrave and the American Minister boarded the "Detroit" and welcomed Mr. Kellogg.

On landing, Mr. Kellogg was received by a guard of honour and Irish-American anthems, and received addresses from public bodies. A procession was formed to the Mansion House at Dublin where Mr. Kellogg received the Freedom of the City.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH NAVY "ACCORD."

FURTHER DETAILS.

LORD CUSHENDEN EXPLAINS TO REUTER.

NATIONS CONSULTED.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Lord Cushenden, interviewed by Reuter with regard to the Anglo-French Naval Disarmament Accord, emphasised that there was nothing in the shape of an agreed Anglo-French Policy, no secret clauses and arrangement with regard to an alliance or co-operation between the British and French Navies. Nothing of the sort had ever been suggested.

The Accord was merely a solution of the Anglo-French divergence of opinion with regard to the principles whereon naval disarmament might be approached. It was simply for the purpose of securing a single text as between the two draft conventions and there were only four or five short but very technical clauses. Publication had been naturally delayed until the American, Italian and Japanese Governments, to whom the Accord had been communicated, had had an opportunity of considering their replies to the invitation to make observations thereon.

Lord Cushenden emphasised that unless all the other nations concerned at Geneva were in agreement, the proposed convention would fall to the ground, but he was very hopeful of their arriving at an agreed text, possibly with some amendments.—Reuter.

QUEEN OF HOLLAND.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED IN HONG KONG.

H.E. PROPOSES TOAST.

Warships in harbour to-day were dressed in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. A reception was held at the Dutch Consulate-General, in Asiatic-building, this morning, and H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) proposed the toast and Mr. M. J. Quist (Consul-General) responded.

Among those present were H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General) C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. and his Aide-de-Camp, Lt. C. W. P. Richardson, K.O.S.B.; Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., and his Secretary, Pay Comdr. H. Rogers, O.B.E.; the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary), heads of Government departments, members of the Consular Body, and representatives of the local Dutch banks, shipping companies, etc.

MR. HU HAN-MIN.

LEAVES TODAY FOR SHANGHAI.

After staying in the Colony for a few days, Mr. Hu Han-min, a member of the Branch Political Council at Canton, left for Shanghai at 6 o'clock this morning by the s.s. "Kashgar." He was accompanied with his daughter, Hu Muk-lan and Mr. Lam Han-lun, son-in-law. It is understood that Mr. Hu is going to meet Marshal Li Chai-sum at Shanghai.

CONTROL OF THE ARMS' TRAFFIC.

LATEST MOVE.

THE SMALLER STATES AND RATIFICATION.

PRIVATE MANUFACTURE.

Geneva, Yesterday.

In order to remove one of the stumbling blocks to the ratification by the smaller states of the International Convention of control of the traffic of arms, another attempt is to be made to draft a convention regulating the private manufacture of war material made by the League's special commission, under the Presidency of Count Bernstoff.

The prospect was more hopeful when Italy and Japan announced their willingness to include state manufactures in the draft convention but difficulties still persist especially in connection with the degree of publicity. Britain, France, Italy and Japan are advocating publication of statistics of value only, whereas others, notably America, Canada and Holland insist that the weight and number of the articles manufactured should be given.

The draft convention of 16 Articles which has been adopted, is not unanimous, owing to a number of reservations and the decision reached to report to the Council which will decide the question of convening an international conference.—Reuter.

MORE TREACHERY.

NORTHERNERS SURRENDER TO NATIONALISTS.

THE FATE OF CHEFOO.

Chefoo, To-day.

Those of General Fang Yung-chang's Northern troops commanded by Colonel Liu at Hwanghsien, Lungkow and Lai-chow have turned over to General Liu Dsi-liu, who recently arrived at Pingtu and raised the Nationalist flag at the towns mentioned above.

General Fang Yung-chang himself is reported to have gone into retirement at Tengchowfu.

As yet, Chefoo remains in the hands of the Northerners but communications with Hwanghsien have been interrupted and a Nationalist move on Chefoo is not unlikely.—Reuter.

[Note: It will be recalled that the Northerners regained Chefoo from the Nationalists after making a surprise counter-attack.]

Japanese Withdraw.

Chefoo is in Shantung province, but not on the Shantung Railway, between Tainan and Tsingtao, which is occupied by the Japanese Expeditionary Force apropos which the following Reuter cable was received this afternoon.

Tokyo.—Orders have been issued by the Japanese military authorities for the withdrawal of one brigade from Manchuria back to Korea. (Note: Part of the expedition is in Manchuria and part in Shantung.)

CHINESE SENTENCED FOR PERJURY.

4 WEEKS' "HARD."

SEQUEL TO EVIDENCE IN ANOTHER CASE.

HIS WORSHIP'S COMMENT.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell heard a perjury case, reference to which is made in our report of the prosecution of the Woo Fung native distillery of Chinwan, in another part of this issue.

The accused was To Hoi, and the charge against him was that he unlawfully committed wilful and corrupt perjury in his evidence, given on oath, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, in the matter of which Ling Yu-ting and Tam Ju were standing their trial on a charge of breach of the liquor regulations, on August 30.

The accused said in reply to the charge: "I told the Court all that I knew."

Mr. Lindsell explained to the accused that there were two points to the perjury charge against him. The first was that whilst giving evidence on oath in that Court yesterday afternoon, the accused said: "Before the 'aze foo' arrived, the spirit had all run away." In your very next breath you contradicted yourself by saying: "The 'aze foo' managed to save some of the spirit."

Accused: I was confused. I have no reason for telling lies, as I am not connected with the distillery. I am an erector of scaffolding.

Mr. Lindsell said that the other point of perjury was the accused's statement: "When the Assistant Superintendent and the Revenue Officer arrived, the 'kong' was empty," whereas both Mr. Taylor and Revenue Officer Brown had sworn that the 'kong' was half full.

Accused: I was speaking of the happening at night.

Remarking "Still more lies," Mr. Lindsell asked the accused what he was doing in the distillery at night. Did he mean to say that he was still at work erecting scaffolding at 11.30 at night? Besides, the accused had specified three times in the course of his evidence that at 4.30 p.m., the 'kong' was empty.

Accused: "It was my first appearance in Court, and I was nervous."

Mr. Lindsell: "I see the distillery bailed you out. A prize witness!"

Accused: "I bailed myself out."

His Worship: "Lies again! Do you mean to say that you, an erector of scaffolding, can raise half of \$100 yourself?"

Accused: "I mean I signed the bond."

Magistrate: "Four weeks' hard labour."

THE PEACE PACT.

ARMAMENTS NOT YET READY FOR SCRAP HEAP.

SLOW AND LONG TASK.

London, Yesterday.

Lord Cushenden, who is representing Britain at the League of Nations, spoke to British press representatives at Geneva to-day on the subject of the Peace Pact, which he signed on behalf of Great Britain last Monday and on its relation to disarmament.

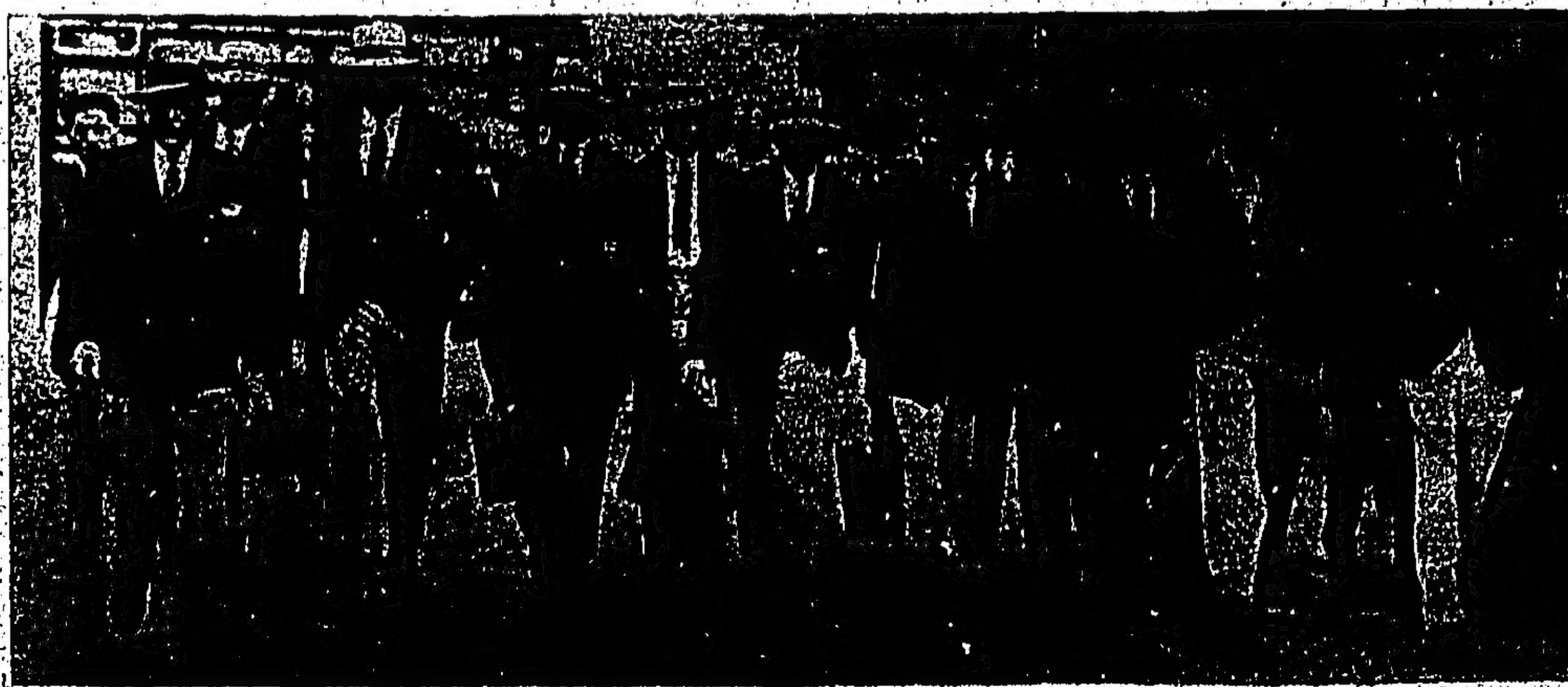
Lord Cushenden, who had recently stated that the Pact is: "The most impressive declaration ever made by mankind of determination to preserve peace," said it would be a mistake for idealists to claim that now that the Pact was signed, everything was done. One did not arrive at a new heaven so quickly. Evolution always meant slow progress. He did not think that because the nations had signed the Pact they would be justified in throwing all their armaments on the scrap heap. Disarmament was a much slower and longer task. The same remarks applied to other difficult questions with which the League of Nations had to deal. People had not to be impatient.—British Wireless Service.

Finland's Views.

Helsinki, Yesterday.

The Finnish Government has decided to adhere to the Peace Pact decision, subject to ratification by the Diet.—Reuter.

BRITISH OLYMPIC TEAM.



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Hong Kong, 30th August, 1928.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and
ENTRY FORMS for the
SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING
to be held on SATURDAY,
6th October, 1928 (weather permitting)
may be obtained at the Race
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Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'clock
noon on SATURDAY, 22nd September,
1928.

Hong Kong, 31st Aug., 1928.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

CLUB SECRETARIES are reminded that August 31st is the last day for which application for affiliation for the ensuing year can be accepted.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd August, 1928.

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W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd August, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 23rd August, 1928.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE 41ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held in the BOARD ROOM of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission), on FRIDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:—
Passing of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
Election of Officers.
To consider any Business in the interest of the Club.

W. PRYDE,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 29th August, 1928.

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TO-NIGHT

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PEEL-STREET CASE.

WOMAN CONVICTED OF HARBOURING.

3 MONTHS' "HARD."

Having been in custody for over a month, during which time she had been before the Court no fewer than five times, Lam Lok, a Chinese woman living at No. 12, Peel-street, was yesterday afternoon found guilty of harbouring a 15-year-old Chinese girl.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., who directed that the sentence be effective from the date the accused was taken into custody.

Two other charges against the accused of keeping a "sly" brothel and of procuring the girl for an immoral purpose, were dismissed.

On these two charges, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, for the defence, successfully claimed that he had no case to answer, as (1) there was no evidence other than that of the girl, who was accused's accomplice, that the accused's premises were used for an immoral purpose; and (2) that the procuring charge must fail because it was essential to show that prior to going to accused's house, the girl was of no immoral character.

The contrary, Counsel said, had been proved in this case, in that the girl had admitted having misadvised herself with two clerks of the Police Department prior to entering the accused's house.

Arguing on the harbouring charge, Mr. Lo, submitted that the girl had gone to the accused's house as the result of the utter failure on the part of her parents to do their duty by the girl.

The Magistrate held, however, that under the Ordinance for the protection of Women and Girls, harbouring had a very wide scope, and covered every female under the age of 21 years.

HISTORICAL RELICS.

MR. ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS TO BE HELD UP.

Peking, Yesterday.
It is learned that the "Historical Preservation Committee" recently petitioned the Divisional Political Commission urging that Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews should not be allowed to take curios and other historical relics out of China. The Political Commission is now reported to have taken up the matter, declaring that this is the fourth time Mr. Andrews has come to Mongolia "stealing" historical relics, an action which is contrary to international usage.

The Committee wired to the tutung of Charhar, Chang Pei-mai, instructing him to retain Mr. Andrews' boxes. The tutung replied stating that he is detaining eighty-five boxes in custody at Kalgan pending negotiations.

The Commission also allegedly accuse the Andrews party of prospecting for oil wells in Mongolia. The Commission wired to General Yen Hsi-shan, who is the head thereof, asking for instructions.—Reuter.

IRONSIDES & MISSIONS.

Peking, Yesterday.
Foreign sources "at Tainanfu" state that the Nationalist troops under General Miao Peh-nan (who to the Cantonese are known as the Ironsides) have occupied mission property at Tai-anfu, including churches.—Reuter.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

August 28, 1928.

Mr. G. F. Bayerle, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry.

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Messrs. S. S. Wong, G. Wragge.

Mr. C. Zimmermanoff.

T. LINCOLN.

ADDRESSES THE TIENSIN
ROTARIANS.

ON "BUDDHISM."

There was a more than usually large attendance at the weekly luncheon-meeting of the Rotary Club of Tientsin at the Astor House Hotel last week when the speaker was Mr. Ignatius Timothy Tribich Lincoln ("Tribitach Lincoln") who gave an address on "Buddhism" to which he prefaced a statement of his position with regard to the British Government with whom he came into conflict through his actions during the Great War.

Mr. C. N. Joyner, president at the luncheon and introduced Mr. Lincoln, who wore a neat suit of Tussore silk with a bow, and looked much younger than his 59 years. Somewhat bald, and with a keen intellectual face, Mr. Lincoln shows few outward signs of the stress of a life which is one of the most extraordinary and romantic that a man has ever lived. Of Central European ancestry, his life in various countries has been full of incident, and his connection with England alone is of more than ordinary interest. He was at one time in Holy Orders in the Church of England, and he was private secretary from 1906 to 1909 of Mr. B. Seeborn Rowntree, having been naturalised as a British subject in 1908. In 1910 he was elected Liberal M.P. for Darlington.

During the War, he was deprived of his status as a British subject. Since then he has led a life of extraordinary interest. Mr. Lincoln has recently adopted Buddhism and is a strict vegetarian and he claims to have entirety given up all interest in politics. He has been travelling extensively in Far Eastern countries and for the past few months he has been quietly living in Tientsin, his identity unknown to any. He is said to be planning a journey into Tibet.

FINISHED WITH POLITICS.

On rising to speak, Mr. Lincoln said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I crave your permission and indulgence for a few personal remarks because for me it is impossible to come into the British Concession and speak on 'Buddhism' without making a few personal remarks about myself, and I wish to state that I am very grateful to you for having extended to me this invitation, enabling me to meet—for the first time after fourteen years of a very chequered and adventurous career—once more with Englishmen publicly and to shake hands with them. This does not imply that I am not glad to shake hands with someone else but you see my handshake has never been interrupted with Englishmen. So I am very glad I am able to come to this British Concession and to say publicly that it is my intention and my desire to let bygones be bygones and if the British Government will make one step towards me I will make two steps towards them. You know, Gentlemen, that there is probably no man living about whom so much has been written as about myself, and I can assure you without going into details that 99 out of a hundred of those things are absolute lies. I will give you a few illustrations. I was supposed to have been arrested in Italy for implication in the murder of the Socialist deputy, Matteotti, when I was actually in Peking, but it was never stated that I was not the man who was arrested. Last year, when I was in America, lecturing on Buddhism, one of the leading papers in New York published that I was seen in Berlin buying twenty million dollars worth of ammunition for China and there I was lecturing in San Francisco on Buddhism. I admit—for certain reasons that this is not the place to go to—I have worked against the British Government. I have got the courage and the frankness, and the sincerity to admit this. But three years ago for certain reasons I have finished with all political work, directly and indirectly. I have never engaged since in any political work and nothing will induce me to re-enter it. I want to declare from this international platform of fellowship and goodwill, namely the Rotarian, that I have done aught against the British Government in the past—and I have done so—I am willing to make it good. If I have crossed them in the past I am willing to please them in the future. If I have damaged their interests in the past I am willing to aid their interests in the future."

BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY.

"Now to Buddhism," said Mr. Lincoln, who went on to say that by Buddhism he understood a summary of the teachings of Gautama, Siddhartha, a Prince in India called "Buddha" which meant "The Awakened One." He was born in the city of Kapilavasthu, near the Nepal border, in saying so, they took to be spirit what was in those days the king's palace.

"THE GREATEST MIND."

Buddha applied his mind—the greatest mind on earth—to this question and he had solved the problem of human misery and the mystery which surrounded us. He had solved these questions in the most scientific and exact manner possible because he started off, as all scientific inquiries should start, from what was known, and from the known by induction or deduction he arrived at that which was not known. This method of his distinguished him from all other religious and philosophies which had ever held sway on this earth. All other religions held that in the beginning something happened. Never. If they sat down and tried to think it out, how in a world of causality could there be such a thing as a beginning?

"HIGHEST PHILOSOPHY."

Buddha's conclusions, which were certainly the highest philosophy we possessed on this earth, had been preserved for us in the island of Ceylon, and had been made available by European scholars. Three main teachings as to existence were (1) that all things were impermanent, for one could think of nothing which was permanent and everything was transitory, (2) existence was painful, and this followed from the first. (For if anything was transitory naturally it must be painful and that was just our trouble. We could not hold fast to happiness, to that which was agreeable to us because of the inevitable change), (3) that there was no substance behind any visible phenomenon, and all things lacked ego.

Mr. Lincoln remarked that it was impossible to explain fully these principles but he could give them a few thoughts. We were always interested in the things removed from us both in time and space, so that astronomy and psychology—the study of ourselves—had just begun to be studied. What was the world? The world came to us through our organs of sense, hearing, sight, taste, touch, etc., and through no other method. If one was born blind that part of the world which came through the physical organ of sight was absolutely lost to him. If one had been born deaf he could not know what music was. The world came to us through our sense-organs and through no other method and therefore we could never find out what the world was, as such, until we had found out other things, since the organs through which the world came to us were part of the world. Our eyes were organised matter, our ears equally. Our whole bodies were merely organised matter, organised into the form and shape of our bodies. When we came to the so-called mental processes, which through the corrupting influence of religion, if they would pardon him, in saying so, they took to be spiritual processes, whatever that

might mean these processes were physical processes. There was no such thing as a spiritual process because anything which manifested itself became physical. Energy without matter was inconceivable and non-existent, and matter without energy was inconceivable and non-existent. Many philosophers had gone astray on this matter and some denied the existence of matter and others of energy. Our mental processes revealed themselves in what we called reason, memory, etc., but they were simply and purely physical processes generated through sense contact with the outside world by way of the perceptions and activities of the mind and consciousness. Just as one could not digest without a stomach, one could not think without a brain.

LACK OF EGO.

Mr. Lincoln went on to discuss the doctrine that all things lack an ego at some length, and maintained there was no such thing as a soul but that there were in the body merely processes not an ego. "Because we think we have an ego," he added, "we cling to this thing, although we find ourselves constantly in trouble and suffering because we cling to this imaginary thing."

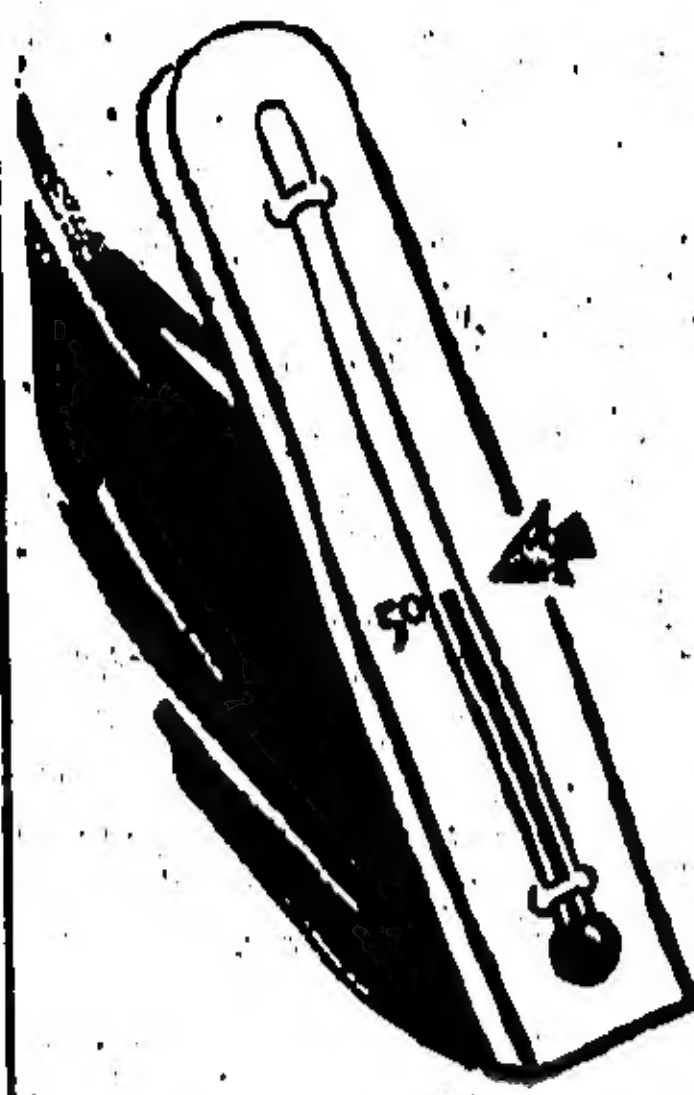
Mr. Lincoln was preparing to go further into his difficult theme when he looked at his watch and found time made it necessary for him to stop. Mr. H. Luckner voiced the thanks of those present to the speaker who was warmly applauded.

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BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CELEBES MARU Monday, 3rd September.
INDUS MARU Thursday, 20th September.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 28th August.
CHICAGO MARU Friday, 23rd September.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Tuesday, 25th September.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan ports.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
MADRAS MARU Wednesday, 5th September.
HAIKOW—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
ARGON MARU Thursday, 20th September.
JAPAN PORTS
AMUR MARU Saturday, 1st September.
SHUNKO MARU Saturday, 1st September.
SANUKI MARU Friday, 14th September.
AMUR MARU Sunday, 16th September.
KEELING—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KISHU MARU Sunday, 2nd September at noon.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 9th Sept. Noon.
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COASTAL MOVES.

CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

MR. BUNTAIN RETURNS.

Mr. R. Bird has been appointed second officer, "Nanchang."
Mr. E. Johnson, chief officer, "Chekiang," has gone extra chief officer, "Hsin Peking."
Mr. A. Swanson has been appointed second officer, "Chekiang."
Mr. J. W. Hurst, second officer, "Chekiang," has gone chief officer, same ship.
Mr. E. J. Hankin, extra second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second officer, "Chusan."
Mr. J. W. Evans, second officer, "Chusan," has gone second officer, "Wuchang."
Mr. F. Appleton, third engineer officer, "Shantung," is on reserve.
Mr. G. B. Shotton has been appointed third engineer officer, "Shantung."
Mr. W. P. Cameron, from Home, has been appointed junior third engineer officer, "Antung."
Mr. K. MacDonald, third engineer officer, "Anhui," has gone third engineer officer, "Antung."
Mr. J. Cromoy, second engineer officer, "Kalgan," has gone second engineer officer, "Kinyuan."
Mr. H. S. Beech, second engineer officer, "Kinyuan," has gone second engineer officer, "Kalgan."
Mr. A. Urwin, from reserve, has gone extra second engineer officer, "Anhui."
Mr. A. Baggott, acting third engineer officer, "Nanning," has gone acting third engineer officer, "Chungking."
Mr. N. D. Fletcher has been appointed second officer, "Suiwo."
Mr. L. Bones, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Pingwo."
Mr. B. E. Bidwell, from Home leave, has gone extra chief officer, "Kwonggan."
Mr. W. T. Rochester, second officer, "Kwonggan," is on reserve.
Mr. H. E. Swaine has been appointed extra third engineer officer, "Luenho."
Mr. A. Buntain, from Home leave, had gone chief engineer officer, "Kungwo."
Mr. J. Gunn, chief engineer officer, "Kungwo," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Colquhoun, second engineer officer, "Tuckwo," is on reserve. "Shipping and Engineering."

U. S. SHIP REFLOATED.

Chefoo, Yesterday.
Assisted by the U.S.S. "Jason," the Harbour Commission's tug and a dredger, the American aircraft tender, "Avocet," which went aground during a storm on Aug. 26, was refloated on last night's tide.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The M.V. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on July 22, and is due here to-day.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 6 p.m., left Nagasaki to-day at 9 a.m., and is due at Shanghai to-morrow at 1 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Nagpore" left Singapore for this port on Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on Sunday at about 6 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on Monday morning. She leaves for Manila on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

SHIPPING SECTION.

THE SAME NAME.

PUNTA ARENAS IN COSTA RICA AND CHILE.

WHERE A SHIPMENT WENT.

Based on a shipment made from Hong Kong in June, 1928, a claim by Watannal Boelchand, silk merchant of No. 18 and 20, On Lanstreet, for \$691.25 as damages for breach of contract, against the Dollar Steamship Line, was heard in the Summary Court before Mr. Justice P. Jacks (Puisne Judge) yesterday.

Mr. M. M. Watson appeared for plaintiff.
Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, who defended, submitted that probably plaintiff's man, who attended at the Dollar Line office, was limited in his knowledge of the geography of the American continent.

Mr. Watson said that plaintiff's shipment by defendants, "President Wilson" was for Punta Arenas in Chile. The goods never reached there but were sent instead to Punta Arenas in Costa Rica where they were eventually sold by the Government to defray storage charges.
One of the submissions made by Mr. Watson was that the Dollar Line had failed to take sufficient or reasonable steps to protect the goods.

Mr. Hugh Jones contended that certain clauses in the bill of lading afforded ample protection for defendants.
Judgment was reserved.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Antung (2,108) British, from Singapore, Amoy—B. & S.—9 passengers, 1,600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Cheong Shing (1256) British, from Tangu, Weihaiwei—J.M. & Co.—2 passengers, 2,184 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 280 tons (through).

Chak Sang (1,470) British, from Canton—J.M. & Co.—80 tons general cargo (through).

Kashgar (5,561) British, from London, Singapore—Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co.—30 passengers, 1,490 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,223 tons (through).

Naldora (8,935) British, from Shanghai—Mackinnon Mackenzie—56 passengers, 17 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,300 tons (through).

Telemachus (1,340) British, from Saigon—Wo Fat Shing & Co.—1,800 tons rice, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Luchow (1,221) British, from Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.—34 passengers, 1,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 350 tons (through).

Danmark (5,372) Danish, from Vladivostok, Shanghai—J. Mannes—7,000 tons beans and groundnuts (through).

Solviken (1,785) Norwegian, from Saigon—Fan Yuen Hong—268 passengers, 2,430 tons rice, 160 tons teakwood for Hong Kong.

Heron (3,444) Norwegian, from San Pedro—A.P.C.—7,560 tons fuel oil for Hong Kong.

Akita Maru (2315) Japanese, from Nagoya, Moji—N.Y.K.—873.7 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,471.8 tons (through).

Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hong On Co.—30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Wing Wo (508) Chinese, from K. C. Wan—Yul Kee & Co.—12 passengers, 350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Hoihow—Manado Maru.
For Saigon—Clara Jebson.
For Singapore—Akita Maru, Van Heutz.
For Canton—Yat Shing.
For Hongay—Mandarin Maru.
For Swatow—Chenan, Hydrangea.

For Macao—Shui Hing.
For Jesselton—Havdrot.
For Sourabaya—Baron MacLay.
For Batavia—Cape St. Andrew.
For Amoy—Hong Hwa.

Cleanances.
For Manila—Tanda.
For Swatow—Sungahan Maru.
For Hoihow—Apoey.
For Shanghai—Kashgar.

Arrivals: Departures. In Port.
British 7 6 21
Japanese 1 3 4
Norwegian 2 1 7
Chinese 2 1 13
Danish 1 1 1
Dutch 0 1 3
American 0 0 1
Portuguese 0 0 2

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SUPERFLUOUS SHIPS

QUESTION OF LAYING-UP OR SCRAPPING.

COSTS AND RESULTS.

In a previous article it was explained that voluntary laying-up schemes, helpful though they might probably be to assist the shipping industry through temporary depression caused by seasonal variations cannot prove a remedy for more lasting ailment, due to permanent superfluity of tonnage.
It was suggested that the only way out of the present muddle is to wipe out superfluous tonnage as a measure of lasting effect, the cost of which would be substantially lower. Further considerations have led to the conclusion that a properly organised scrapping scheme could actually bring a reduction in the average net cost of cargo carrying, as it would show to which level the replacement of old ships by new and more efficient units would be practicable.

Before a properly workable scheme could be set on foot exhaustive inquiry into the position of particular trades individually and of all trades collectively would be necessary, but it is not intended to deal with such circumstances in this article, but to endeavour to show in concrete form that where a laying-up scheme must inevitably fail, permanent relief can be achieved at a reasonable price by organised scrapping of superfluous tonnage.

For the sake of plain comparison a very simple example has been chosen in the form of six cargo carriers, all of 8,000 tons d.w., engaged in carrying cargo one way only (homeward) on the same voyage of 6,600 miles.

The vessels are assumed to be 25, 20, 15, 10, 5 and 0 years old, and to have a speed of 7 1/2 to 11 knots on the same coal consumption per diem, the higher speed of the newer vessels representing the improvement in efficiency attained. Depreciation on values, based on the amounts paid for comparable tonnage in the first half of the year, has been allowed for in the form of annual contributions to a fund, which will reduce the value to nil at 30 years of age, with interest on investments at 3 per cent. The same standard of wages has been taken for all units, with allowance for crews to be paid off in home ports. Dues are calculated at 2s. per net ton and stowed cargo at 2s. per ton of cargo, to cover expenses at both terminals. Bunker coal has been charged at 18s. per ton in home ports and 22s. at bunker station on return trip, while a "proportion of time has been added to cover annual overhaul, and interest on values has been allowed for at 5 per cent.

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D.	10 years	19s. 10.8d.	16s. 7.8d.
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pective units in their efforts to secure employment, will be obliged to cut the rate of freight until the A. bottom level of 19s. 11.3d. has been reached, after which the owner of A. will find it costs him less to lay-up his vessel. Even thereafter, however, the vessel will remain as a constant threat and a slight improvement will bring her into the market again.
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So far the laying-up scheme seems a businesslike proposition, but the improvement is likely to attract outside tonnage, or an outsider may build new tonnage. When there is no improvement in the volume of cargo offered, the ensuing result will be a collapse of freight to B. bottom level (plus contribution), or 19s. 0.5d. At that stage the outsider may be induced to enter his tonnage, when, in addition to his share in the cost of laying-up B., say 7d. per ton carried, he will have to agree to take over the share of A. in the cost of laying-up A.

This will bring a recovery to say C. net cost, which will mean a gain of 2s. 2.8d. to old contributors, and of 1s. 7.8d. to the newcomer. As the latter before the arrangement is completed occupies

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SUPERFLUOUS SHIPS

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a very strong position, the net
cost at which cargo can be carried
by him being much lower than the
average net cost of the organised
tonnage, it is doubtful whether he
will be at all willing to agree to
terms which do not secure him the
bulk of the benefit that can be
secured.

RESULTS OF LAYING-UP.

In these first stages a slight
reduction of the average net cost at
which cargo can be carried is
secured; but as it is more than
likely that new competition will
develop at each stage, when the
competitors can in turn be got to
join the scheme there will soon be
a point at which the cost of lay-
ing-up the oldest units bears so
heavily on the working expenses of
the vessels in commission that the
increase in the average net cost
of carrying cargo by entered ton-
nage is so much higher than the
net cost at which outsiders can
undertake the work, that a com-
plete failure must be the result.

At consecutive stages the aver-
age net cost and the correspond-
ing bottom rate at which cargo
can be carried by entered tonnage
is:-

	Net cost.	Bottom rate.
Original	20 11.6	19 11.3
Under laying- up scheme	20 8.2	19 0.5
First competi- tor joined	20 7.9	18 7.5
Second com- petitor joined	20 10.3	18 4.8
Third com- petitor joined	21 2.7	17 11.5
Fourth com- petitor joined	21 9.0	18 2.0

When no premature competition
develops and tonnage is broken up
on reaching the age of 30 years,
when value has been completely
written off by contribution to de-
preciation fund, then if no im-
provement in the volume of cargo
sets in, it will either be necessary
to suspend the building of new
tonnage, or if construction is to
go on steadily, to lay up the units
between the 25th and 30th year.

When improvements in efficiency
will reduce the cost at which
cargo is carried by units built
after 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years
to 18s. 6d., 18s. 3d., 18s. 0d.,
17s. 0d., and 17s. 6d. respective-
ly, then the average net cost per
ton of cargo at future stages in
each of the cases cited will be:-

After:-	s. d.	d.
5 years	20 1.0	20 0.0
10 "	19 4.3	19 6.1
15 "	18 9.8	19 1.6
20 "	18 4.3	18 10.3
25 "	18 0.8	18 7.1

Of course the volume of cargo
offered may improve, say at the
end of the first period, to such an
extent that it is not necessary to
suspend building or lay-up B, and
if this improvement is maintained
in future period the average net
cost will be:-

After:-	s. d.	d.
5 years	19 10.0	
10 "	19 2.7	
15 "	18 9.3	
20 "	18 5.0	
25 "	18 1.8	

It will be well to remember that
this result can only be possible if
all units are broken up on reach-
ing an age of 30 years, which
would be highly improbable, as
there would be no obligation on the
part of their owners to do so.

SCRAPPING SCHEME.

More effective results can be
obtained by scrapping superfluous
tonnage. If the cost of scrapping
A, that is the difference between
the price demanded by the owner
and that which shipbreakers are
willing to pay, be £10,000, and the
owners of the units remaining in
commission agree to pay off this
amount by annual contributions,
with interest at 5 per cent, which
shall be the same for all units
until they have reached the age
of 25 years, then the amount pay-
able by each will be £207 per
year, the cash value of each con-
tributor's share and the cost per
ton of cargo carried, with vessels
making consecutive voyage, be-

After:-	s. d.	d.
5 years	19 7.1	
10 "	19 1.5	
15 "	18 9.9	
20 "	18 7.3	
25 "	18 4.7	

If at the end of the first period
an improvement in the volume of
cargo offered sets in, which jus-
tifies the building of two new
units, while such improvement is
maintained, in future stages the
average net cost will be:-

After:-	s. d.	d.
5 years	19 5.0	
10 "	19 0.6	
15 "	18 9.3	
20 "	18 7.1	
25 "	18 5.0	

It will be noted that in the prim-
ary stages the average net cost
under the scrapping scheme is
lower, but at later stages the aver-
age net cost is higher than under
the laying-up scheme when build-
ing is suspended for a time or an
improvement in the offer of cargo
takes place. It can be proved,
however, that when the depression
is assumed to end, with the first
period the cost of scrapping is
still substantially lower than that
of laying-up.

If the owners of units B to F
inclusive instead of agreeing to
pay off the cost of scrapping A
by annual instalments, payable
until each contributing unit
reaches the age of 25 years, agree
to pay off the cost in five years,
with interest at 5 per cent, the
annual contribution of each will
be £463 or rather less than 4d.

	Cash per Value, ton.	ton.
B. 5 annual contributions	974.00	1.74
C. 10 "	1,401.70	1.62
D. 15 "	2,144.50	1.54
E. 20 "	2,576.20	1.41
F. 25 "	2,913.00	1.34
	£10,000.00	

In comparison with the cost of
laying-up this is an extremely low
price, though, of course, it must
be remembered that payment must
be continued until each con-
tributing unit has reached the age
of 25 years. There will be an op-
portunity later to prove that the
cost of scrapping is actually low-
er than that of laying-up.

The contributions will buy an
improvement in freight from A
bottom level to B net cost, plus
contribution, leaving a net gain
of approximately 2s. which is the
same as obtained under the lay-
ing-up agreement.

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If an outsider enters the trade
with new tonnage, the evident re-
sult will be a collapse of freight
to B. bottom level, plus contribu-
tion, viz., 18s. 7.3d. To secure a
recovery it will be neces-
sary to scrap B, the cost
of which, including cash re-
demption of his contributions to
scrapping fund, is, say, £20,000.
To pay off this amount in 25 an-
nual contributions, with interest
at 5 per cent, the newcomer will
have to pay contributions equal to
9.1d. per ton of cargo carried in
his vessel.

While payments asked from the
newcomer are lower than in the
case of the laying-up scheme, the
net gain to him will be slightly
higher, viz., 1s. 5.6d., while the
other contributors will book a net
gain of 2s. 2.6d. For this reason,
and on account of the fact that
the average net cost at which cargo
can be carried by entered tonnage
is lower, the outsiders will be soon-
er inclined to fall in with the ar-
rangement.

For scrapping further units, the
cost including cash value of con-
tributions payable, and the price
to be paid by the newcomer, would
be as follows:-

	Cost.	Contr.
C. 15 years old	30,000	13.71
D. 10 "	40,000	18.28
E. 5 "	47,500	21.71
F. 0 "	55,000	25.14

Progress in the contributions of
successive newcomers determines
the level at which it is profitable
to enter the trade with new ton-
nage, in relation to the cost at
which cargo can be carried by new
vessels, and until the economic
level of replacements is reached
there will be a decline in the aver-
age net cost of carrying cargo by
entered tonnage, viz:-

After:-	s. d.	d.
5 years	20 1.0	20 0.0
10 "	19 4.3	19 6.1
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part of their owners to do so.

SCRAPPING SCHEME.

When no outside competition de-
velops prematurely, but new ton-
nage is added every fifth year, the
net cost at which cargo can be
carried is as explained before,
while in the first period only unit
A has been scrapped and £10,000
is paid for the scrapping of each
successive unit on reaching the
age of 25 years; then the average
net cost at future stages will be,
without allowance having been
made for the profit to the owners
on scrapping:-

After:-	s. d.	d.
5 years	19 7.1	
10 "	19 1.5	
15 "	18 9.9	
20 "	18 7.3	
25 "	18 4.7	

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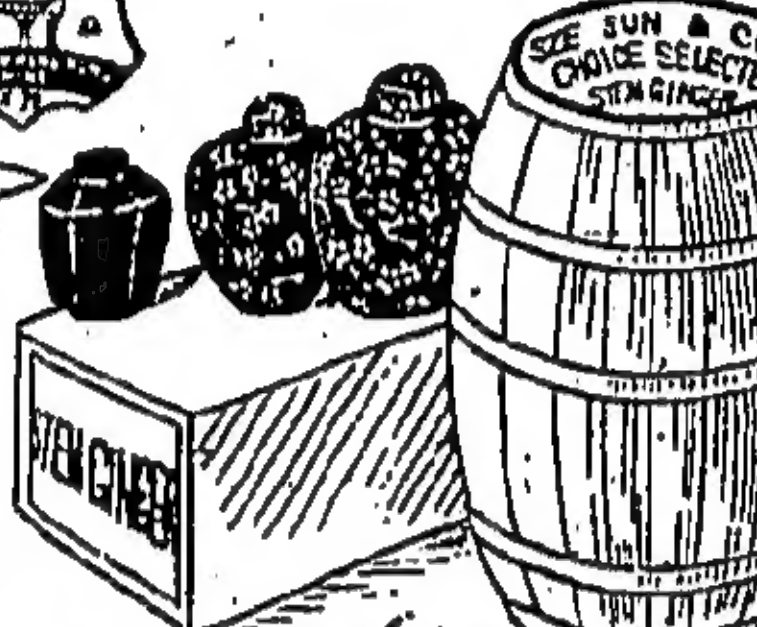
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DEATH.

LOUGHLIN.—Thomas Alexander Loughlin, suddenly, at San Francisco on the 29th August.

Hong Kong, Friday, Aug. 31, 1928.

JAPAN AND CHINA'S TREATIES.

It will be generally agreed that the Japanese Government are acting wisely in deciding to acquiesce in the Nationalist Government's demand that Japan's treaties with China shall be subject to revision, similarly with those of other nations. Japan was on losing ground all the time that she opposed such a request, and nobody realised that more clearly than the Nationalists of Nanking. They knew that all they had to do was "to sit tight" and Tokyo would come round to their way of regarding the subject. Evidently the Japanese Government was equally aware that such was the case and, having held out for a fairly long period, they ultimately decided that they would hold out no longer. If they had held out longer they could only have done so at the risk of seeming to be one of the few Powers unwilling to recognise the Nationalist Government. The only other alternative was one that despite China's distrust of Japan, was even more unthinkable to the Japanese than probably it would be for the Chinese. The alternative, we should say, would be for Japan to act in Shanghai or Manchuria or perhaps in both places without any regard for Chinese rights or susceptibilities.

But we are emphatically of opinion that never has the Japanese Government seriously contemplated such a step. They are quite ready and willing to negotiate any problem that may be attached to their association with either of these places. And so well they might, for, in our opinion, they are on quite solid ground as to their contentions. It would, therefore, have been unwise to have held out or even to have pretended that they were holding out, for little if any good was likely to result from the adoption of such an attitude.

The Japanese Government doubtless is quite sincere in their contention that China's new Government, in its claim to represent the country, should honourably regard themselves as under a binding obligation to take over those solemn promises, in the form of Treaties, which were made in the name of China by the Nationalists' predecessors. Removing the seat of Government from Peking to Nanking does not remove the Nationalists' moral obligations, as the representatives of China, towards those countries who have placed their trust and, not infrequently, large sums of their money, in the good faith of the Nationalists' predecessors. However, as England, the United States, France, Germany and other countries were at present willing to waive the decision of such a point, Japan, very wisely, as we have said, has decided that she will do likewise. It seems now to be the case that the Nationalists are as much "recognised" as they can possibly be or need to be; and it therefore must be for them, logically, to take the next step. What that step will be we shall not even venture to surmise in the meantime. We shall merely venture to hope that the Nationalists will speedily "get their house in order" and, as unification is their chief aim for the country as a whole with, of course, themselves at the helm of State, it is to be hoped that they will wisely and speedily conclude that unity among themselves is even more essential.

The Rev. E. K. Quick of St. Stephen's College returned to Hong Kong on the P. & O. "Naldora" today after a short holiday. Mr. Quick is best known to the public as the all-round interport cricketer.

A Chinese youth, who was riding a bicycle without a lamp, was cautioned by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Defendant stated that he had a lamp, but that the light went out when he fell in front of a bus.

Dr. J. C. Macdonald is back in Hong Kong, having arrived today on the P. & O. "Naldora" after going on leave. His cheering presence will be welcome at racing both on the flat and over the sticks in the "dust" capacity of gentleman rider and owner.

The body of a Chinese infant, of about one year old, was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary, having been discovered by the police in the harbour.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida appeared for the defence in a case, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, in which a Chinese woman was charged with larceny of a quantity of jewellery from No. 19 Peking-road and with receiving part of the stolen property. She was found "not guilty" and discharged.

For making fast alongside the s.s. "Van Heutz," while she was under way, four mistresses of cargo were each fined \$10 by Commander Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday. The steam launch "Fyria," it was alleged, was also involved, and a summons was being served for the offence.

The Water Police yesterday removed to the Kowloon Mortuary the body of Yeung Mau (20) a fisherman of fishing junk No. 2829-C, who was accidentally drowned while bathing in Cheung Chau harbour at 6 p.m. on August 27. The body was found yesterday afternoon floating near the spot where the unfortunate man was seen to disappear by other fishermen who made a fruitless attempt to save him.

Chan Yeung (29) a married woman living at No. 4 Bowrington Canal-road, was stated to have attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping into the harbour from the Praya East reclamation. She was rescued and taken to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, being none the worse for her "ducking." The woman was alleged to have attempted suicide following a quarrel with other inmates of the house in which she lived.

Having gained entrance to No. 363, Des Voeux-road West, fourth floor, yesterday afternoon, three armed robbers ransacked a flat occupied by two women and a maid-servant. One of the robbers had a dagger, while the other secured a knife from the kitchen. Ultimately, they made off with jewellery and clothing valued at a few hundred dollars. Vigilant search was carried out by the police, but, so far, there has been no arrest.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CIVIL SERVANTS' PAY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail").

Sir,—Exception has been taken in the civil servant salary controversy to a comparison between the local and the imported members of the staff. I think the fact is the imported object to being mentioned in the same breath as the hard-working and underpaid local man. Why this should be I don't know, for if it wasn't for the local man the imported article would be in a hole of a pickle. The local nurse and spoon-feed the imported man and make it very easy for him to earn his sterling salary. So I think some consideration should be shown to the dollar-paid staff of the Government. They don't mind being paid in dollars but they don't get enough of them to keep themselves decently. I don't think the Government has made out a good case in the reply to the petition forwarded by these underpaid and conscientious workers and I think the newspapers ought to take up the case for them.

Yours, etc.,

INDIGNANT.

Kowloon, Aug. 30.

CECILIA HANSEN.

NEW PROGRAMME FOR TO-NIGHT.

Those who had the pleasure of attending Miss Cecilia Hansen's memorable concert at the City Hall on Wednesday and others who have yet to be conquered by this great artist's masterly manipulation of the bow, will be glad to hear that Miss Hansen has decided to cancel the programme originally arranged for her concluding performance in the Colony, and instead, she will play a number of popular works prominent amongst which will be two concertos by Vivaldi-Nachez and Mendelssohn respectively. The full programme is as follows:—

1. Concerto A Minor, Vivaldi-Nachez.
2. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
3. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
4. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
5. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
6. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
7. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
8. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
9. Concerto, Mendelssohn.
10. Concerto, Mendelssohn.

At the Piano: Boris Zakharoff.

HEROIN PILLS.

SEVERAL CHINESE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

REMANDED IN CUSTODY.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindsell remanded, until Tuesday morning next, two Chinese arrested at West Point and charged by Detective Sergeant Whant with the unlawful possession of 17,200 heroin pills; 46,000 pills in the process of manufacture, and four ounces of heroin.

This morning three other men, one arrested in the Central district and the other two in Wanchai, were also charged with regard to the pills.

The first man, Liang Yung-cho, was arrested in a house in Connaught Central. The charge against him is of "aiding and abetting in the manufacture of heroin pills."

He pleaded "guilty."

No Bail.

Revenue Officer Ward told the Magistrate that he had been instructed by Mr. Hawkins to inform the Court that this case was connected with the one brought by Detective Sergeant Whant, and to ask that a remand be given until next Tuesday, so that the accused could come to Court at the same time as Sergeant Whant's two men.

Replying to the Magistrate, the Revenue Officer said that he was unable to say if the alleged principal, a man named Hung King, had been arrested.

The Magistrate ordered a remand until next Tuesday morning.

Revenue Officer Ward mentioned bail, and said that he had been instructed by Mr. Hawkins that he would be satisfied with bail of \$5,000.

Mr. Lindsell said that as the accused had already pleaded "guilty," he did not propose to grant bail.

Accused was accordingly remanded in police custody.

Another "Pill Case."

Detective Sergeant Whelan of No. 2, Police Station, Wanchai, then mentioned another "pill case," and asked that the two men concerned be also remanded until Tuesday next.

The defendant in this case were Lee Sam (16) described as a cook of No. 18 Russell-street, and Kan Fung (34), said to be a shopkeeper of No. 14 Matheson-street.

Lee was charged with the unlawful possession of a large quantity of heroin pills.

Sergeant Whelan said that this man was arrested in Russell-street carrying a box containing the pills, and he took the police to Kan's house.

Replying to the Magistrate, the Sergeant said that the box contained many thousands of pills, the examination and counting of which had not yet been completed.

Kan had the following charges against him:

- (1) unlawful possession of a quantity of heroin pills at No. 14 Matheson-street; and
- (2) unlawful possession and manufacturing heroin pills at No. 18, Russell-street.

Both accused were remanded in police custody until Tuesday morning next.

SANITARY EXAMS.

LOCAL LIST OF R.S.I. SUCCESSSES.

A cable has been received from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, London, intimating that the recommendations made by the Hong Kong Board of Examiners in the recent Examinations for Sanitary Inspectors and in Sanitary Science, held at King's College on July 9, have been approved.

The Pass list includes:—

A. Sanitary Science—

James Reid.

Thomas Armstrong.

Both of the Hong Kong Government Sanitary Department.

B. Sanitary Inspectors—

Henry George Stevens.

George Frost.

William Charles Lamprill.

Arthur Foster.

also of the Sanitary Department.

All written examination papers together with the local Board of Examiners' remarks are forwarded to London for revision, comment and approval.

The Examining Board is composed of:—

The Hon. Director of Public Works.

The Director of Medical & Sanitary Service.

The Medical Officer of Health.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, M.D.

The Local Secretary.

Applications for an Examination in October for "Sanitary Inspectors" have been received from Shanghai.

More than 5,000 officers and other ranks of the Second London Division Territorial were undergoing fortnight's intensive training in the Aldershot Camp, from July 20 till August 12.

"PRAPS-PRAPSNOT!"

"Mamma," said Willie, from the depths of the bath tub. "You'd better get me a new sponge. This one leaks awful."

"Has he ever been on Government work before?" the manager asked the friend of the job-seeker.

"Very nearly," was the reply.

"What do you mean by very nearly?"

"Well, you see there wasn't quite enough evidence to convict him."

Nitt: "Once I saved a man's life, but I never got a medal for it."

Witt: "Give particulars, please."

"An inebriate once came home to his apartment and turned on only the hot water to take a bath in, and he would have been scalded to death, only I happened to be janitor of the building and there was no hot water."

Mrs. Suffrage had been to a women's political meeting, for she considered that she possessed all the qualifications of a politician, so when she returned home she regaled her husband with her party views.

"We are going to sweep the country," Charles," she enthused.

Her husband, who had been attending to his wants whilst she had been out, scowled darkly.

"Then you'd better start with the kitchen, my dear!" he said quite briefly from behind his newspaper.

Will: "Pa, there's a spider on the ceiling!"

Pa (busy reading): "All right; put your foot on it and don't bother me!"

Rasmus: "Here's dat shilling ah borrowed from yuh last year."

Sambo: "Yuh done kept it so long dat Ah don't know if it's wuff while for me to change mah pinion of yuh just for one shilling."

The colonel was jogging home after a day with the hounds.

"Well, Colonel," grinned a friend, "you are covered with mud. You seem to have had a good day. Were you in at the kill?"

"No," grunted the Colonel, in reply, "I was in at the ditch, in at the bog, and also in at the river. Why, man, you cannot expect me to be in at everything."

"What, another new costume?" said a husband to his wife. "How on earth am I to pay for it, and only paid six months' rent yesterday?"

"John, dear, how do I know? I'm your wife, not your financial adviser."

A schoolmaster, better versed in classics than cricket, was taking a party of ladies to watch one of the school matches. Perceiving, when he arrived on the ground, that the game was already in progress, he called one of the pupils to him, and asked how the score stood. The boy replied that they had taken seven wickets for 80 runs. "How very strange!" said the pedagogue, "I always thought there were only six wickets."

Eve: "I think a man should give his wife plenty of rope."

Ernest: "Yeh! I did with mine and she skipped."

"Hello, Emory; wot's 'appened?" said a workman to his mate. "Wot's 'appened? I'll tell you wot's 'appened. I 'appened to leave my pot of varnish on the kitchen table, and the missus 'appened to be making a treacle pudding. That's wot's 'appened."

"Crows are hardy birds," remarked the boarder. "In cold weather I have known them to go five days without food."

"That's nothing," chuckled the comedian boarder. "I've known crows to go five months without food."

"Great Scott! What kind of crows were they?"

"Why, scarecrows, of course."

Mamma: "What is Willie crying about?"

Bridget: "Shure, ma'am, and he's crying because he wanted to go across the street to Tommy Green's."

Mamma: "Well, why didn't you let him go?"

Bridget: "They were having charades, he said, ma'am, and I wasn't sure as he's had 'em yet."

"Where's the car, dad?" asked the son of an absent-minded professor.

"Why, dear me," he said, "I really don't know. Did I take it out?"

"You certainly did. You drove it down town."

"That's very remarkable," replied the professor. "I remember now that after I got out, I turned round to thank the gentleman who had given me a lift and wondered where he had gone!"

A DISTILLERY.**WHAT A SURPRISE
LED TO.****ALLEGED PERJURY.**

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistrate yesterday, two Chinese officials, of the Woo Fung native distillery at Chinwan, were summoned for the alleged secret distilling of dutiable spirits, and failing to supply necessary information to the Imports and Exports Department, of the quantity of raw materials used in the process of distilling.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuted, defendant being represented by Mr. M. K. Lo.

Outlining the case, Mr. Lloyd said that the first defendant (Ling Yue-tin) was the licensee of the Distillery. He stayed in Hong Kong most of his time and visited the Distillery at Chinwan only once a week, as he was responsible for the due carrying out of the regulations.

The second defendant was the active managing partner of the firm.

SURPRISE VISIT.

On August 1 Mr. H. A. Taylor and Revenue Officer Brown paid a surprise visit to this Distillery at 4.30 p.m. The result was that everything was found to be wrong with the order of work in the distillery. The spirits were found to be extraordinarily weak, and the production book had not been entered up for that day, as required by regulations. The Distillery had distilled 16 jars of molasses spirits and five jars of rice spirits, but had made absolutely no entry in the production books in respect of such output.

THE BOOK ENTRIES.

When the book in which the molasses mash was entered from day to day, was inspected, it was found that the entry for the previous day's process, was August 1.

It was discovered that there were three kongs of molasses mash, numbered as 50, 51 and 52 which by their appearance had been filled only that day. According to the cycle in which these kongs were filled in the Distillery, they should not have been filled at all for the process of fermentation would have carried them to Sunday when the distillation of wines was expressly forbidden by the regulations. The inference, therefore, was that those kongs were filled for secret distillation on the following Sunday.

THE "CYCLE."

The Revenue Officers also found three other kongs half full Nos. 41, 45 and 46, which were not due (according to the official rules regulating the output in this establishment) for distillation that day. August 3, would have been the official date when the contents of these particular three kongs would be drawn off for distillation. The explanation given by the defendants, for this break in the cycle of production, was that No. 44 leaked, and it was found necessary to transfer its contents to the other two kongs. How they could fill from one kong to make one kong and a half was not clear.

Revenue Officer Brown, doubling back on his own tracks that night, found that No. 44 was now quite empty, and that the bottom had been knocked out of it, apparently to manufacture evidence. Then, again, the surprising discovery was made that Nos. 45 and 46 of the same series were now full.

The molasses removed from these three fermentation kongs would be equivalent to eight jars of spirits. As a matter of fact, certain jars standing near the spot, were found to contain molasses identical with those in the three kongs.

THE DEFENCE.

After Mr. Taylor and Revenue Officer Brown had given evidence supporting Mr. Lloyd's opening Mr. Lo informed his Worship that his clients admitted that they had not kept a record of the amount distilled but intended to make the entries at the end of the day's work.

In regard to kong No. 44, which was half full in the afternoon and was found by Revenue Officer Brown to be empty, with the bottom knocked out of it on the same night, Mr. Lo said that that kong was broken by a scaffolding cooler. The cooler would give evidence and Mr. Lo informed his Worship that he had never seen the cooler before and did not know what the man would say. He called the cooler as first witness for the defence.

PERJURY CHARGE.

This witness gave evidence which was entirely contradictory to that given by the two witnesses for the prosecution, and this led his Worship to direct that the man be charged with perjury. Ball was fixed in the sum of \$100.

The hearing of the case against the distillery officials was adjourned until tomorrow.

MRS. PACE'S CASE.**ATTORNEY-GENERAL GIVES
HIS VIEWS.****M.P.'s DISCUSSION.**

Sir Thomas Inskip, the Attorney-General, expressed the opinion very strongly in the Commons that it would be highly undesirable to discuss in Parliament the verdict of complete acquittal secured by Mrs. Pace. He repeated the warning three times.

The matter had been pressed upon the attention of the Government by Mr. Purcell, Labour member for the Forest of Dean (who raised the Pace Defence Fund), by means of a private notice question to the Prime Minister, who had asked the Attorney-General to reply.

Mr. Purcell wanted information on three points:—

Would the Government consider the desirability of paying Mrs. Pace compensation?

Would the Government hold a public inquiry into the position and powers of coroners?

Would the Government look into the question of providing

Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police. He denied, in answer to Mr. Hore-Belisha, that he had issued any special instructions to Lord Byng to investigate the conditions at Scotland Yard and report on reorganisation. The exchange proceeded:—

Mr. Hore-Belisha: Will the Minister say what he meant by "a stern call to duty"?

Sir William: I think the honourable member is confusing "a stern call to duty" with "a call to stern duty." I meant a stern call to Lord Byng to carry out a great duty.

Mr. Hayes: If the "call" to Lord Byng is so immediate why delay the appointment until November?

Sir William: The present Commissioner does not retire till November.

Mr. Lansbury: Does not the Minister think it would have been possible to inquire whether there was not some man out of work capable of filling the post? (Ministerial laughter). Why go to the gentleman who is fairly comfortable and well off?

Sir William: Lord Byng is out of work at the present moment.

Mr. Hayes pressed for more



MR. VERHOMAL SHEWARAM, Proprietor of the Pioneer Silk Store, who arrives to-day from Japan by the s.s. "President McKinley" after a two months' business trip.

poor persons, particularly those charged with murder with the fullest and best means of legal defence?

Sir Thomas Inskip apologised for inability to answer the last two queries owing to the short notice he had received.

"MOST UNDESIRABLE."

As to whether Mrs. Pace should receive compensation from the State, he said the view of the Government was that it is "most undesirable in the interests of justice generally" that a claim of this nature should be entertained. Mrs. Pace had been acquitted after a very careful and admittedly fair trial, and there had been no departure from the ordinary procedure in the administration of justice.

"Is there really no sense of decency on the part of the Government?" Mr. Purcell exclaimed, indignantly. "Will the right hon. gentleman look at the depositions and see whether the case against this woman ought to have been proceeded with?"

Sir Thomas promised to do this, but added a moment later, in reply to Mr. Will Thorne, his first warning against any appearance of re-opening the case.

Mr. Hopkin Morris, who has a question down on the subject of the Coroner's position, next inquired whether it would not be possible for the verdict of the Coroner's jury to be quashed, and the Attorney-General replied that he had no power to do so.

Captain Streetfield, having pleaded from the Conservative benches, and Mr. Hore-Belisha from the Liberal, for the most sympathetic consideration possible of any claim for costs or compensation, the Attorney-General undertook that all relevant circumstances shall be carefully weighed, and an announcement made later. He again "respectfully suggested" that the details of a case in which there has been an acquittal ought not to be publicly debated.

Mr. Hopkin Morris's question as to whether the verdict of a coroner's jury ought not to be limited to stating the cause of death was not, he added, a proper subject for hurried answer.

THE "STERN CALL."

Earlier in the afternoon the Home Secretary had again been under fire on account of the appointment of Lord Byng to be

information about what he called "the mysterious business which demands such a stern call," and Mr. Percy Harris wanted to know why such long notice by Sir William Horwood was necessary, but the Home Secretary declined to be drawn further in view of the debate on the Byng appointment.

Replying to Mr. Lansbury, the Minister gave Sir William Horwood's salary as £3,000 plus a "cost of living" bonus under the scheme drawn up for the Civil Service by a Commission presided over by the late Lord Oxford. His retiring pension will be £1,000.

Vancouver, Yesterday.—A woman's body, presumably that of Mrs. MacCallum Scott, has been found by American coast guards in Discovery Bay. The wreckage of the aeroplane was washed ashore at Fort Townsend, Washington; and also the brief case belonging to Mr. MacCallum Scott, M.P., containing his diary.—Reuter.

"LA BOHEME."**CLASSIC DRAMA FINELY
SCREEN-STAGED.****AT THE WORLD.**

"La Boheme," being screened at the World Theatre, is a magnificent drama enacted by a strong cast which includes Lillian Gish and John Gilbert in the leading roles.

The story centres around the dingy back-quarters of Paris, and the lives of the inmates are vividly presented in dramatic fashion. The interest of the audience is gripped, and all are stirred by the great love affair of an author and a beautiful girl.

Renee Adoree, Karl Dane, George Hassel must be specially mentioned for their splendid acting. The picture has already been shown in Hong Kong, but the opportunity now afforded should be taken to see it again.

"PAGAN" MARRIAGES.**IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN
COUNTRY?**

New York.—The "present deplorable conditions of marriage and divorce" in the United States are the subject of remarkable criticism by one of New York's leading clergymen.

A year ago the Rev. Dr. Caleb R. Stetson, Rector of Trinity Church, caused a sensation by his attack on modern marriages as "pagan" in their impermanence and lack of sacred significance, and vulgar in their ostentation. In his annual message this year he goes a step further. He announces that participants in a wedding ceremony at Trinity must first sign a "marriage blank," by which he seeks to ensure the sacredness of the sacrament.

The blank, which is headed with the statement, "This church does not solemnise the marriage of divorced or unbaptised persons," demands the statement of both participants that they have been baptised, have never been divorced, are of legal age, and enter the marriage of their own free will, "without any outside influence or coercion whatsoever."

This unusual announcement occurs in the Rector's statement in the 1928 year-book of Trinity parish. It carries out the argument made in the same place in last year's publication that church marriage limited to undivorced and baptised Christians is an antidote to the growing "breakdown of family life."

Dr. Stetson advises all clergymen to urge non-Christians to be wedded by a civil officer, and asserts that Church and State should be separated in the function of marrying. He arraigns the "present deplorable conditions of marriage and divorce" in the United States, instancing weddings in lions' cages, "Tom Thumb" weddings, marriages in balloons and aeroplanes, as "attractions" to various public enterprises.

Dr. Stetson asserts: "This is no longer a Christian country, and we cannot expect that Christian moral standards will be accepted or followed by the majority."

A deputation representing 36 societies, organised by the National Horse Association, waited on the Ministry of Transport to urge the adoption of better non-slip surface for road.

Hackney council is to be asked to increase the maximum salary of the town clerk from £1,500 to £1,750.

SHADOWS BEFORE.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."**

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Steamboat Bill, Jr."

To-day—World Theatre; "La Boheme."

To-day — Star Theatre; "The Telephone Girl."

To-day—Theatre Royal; Cecilia Hansen, the world's greatest violinist, 9.15 p.m.

September 1—Dinner Dance at St. Francis Hotel.

September 2-3—Queen's Theatre; "A Kiss in a Taxi."

September 21—Promenade Concert at Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m.

Land Sales.

September 3—At P. W. D. Offices, Crown lands at Shamshui-po and Prince Edward rd., Kowloon, 3 p.m.

Lammers' Auctions.

September 3—At 5, Chatham rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

September 4—At Sales Room, valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Forty-first annual meeting of members of the Hong Kong Football Club in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

September 2—H.K.V.D.C. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club meeting at the Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

September 3—Hong Kong Cricket League annual meeting in the Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

September 3—H.K.V.D.C. Sports Committee meeting at Headquarters, 5.45 p.m.

September 6—Annual meeting of Mid-levels' Residents' Asscn. at Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak rd., 6 p.m.

September 12—H.K.D.V.G. (Scottish Co.) meeting at Headquarters, 6 p.m.

Sports.

September 6—Hockey match: H.K.V.D.C. v. H.K.S.R.A. Marina Ground, Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.

Sept. 7—Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament: H.K.V.D.C. v. 31st Battery R.A., 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 1—Second Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Y. M. Club.

September 1—Miss V. Capell resumes her Dancing Classes on this date.

September 14—H.K.V.D.C. (Machine Gun Co.) dinner at Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR THIS WEEK.

COMMAND OF THE BATTERY.

Orders of the week for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, read as follows:—

MUSKETRY.

The Battery will fire Part II. Table "T" at Stonecutters on Sunday, September 2, 1928.

Range Officer: Captain T. Addis Martin.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m., and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet and Bandolier.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, August 31, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, September 1, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Monday, September 3, at 5.45 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters. All members will please attend, as this meeting is called to make further arrangements for the Annual Athletic Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 13, 1928.

CORPS BAND.

The Band will parade at full strength on Tuesday, September 4 and Friday, September 7 at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

THE BATTERY.

General Meeting. This will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, August 31, at 5.45 p.m., when it is expected that every member will make a very special effort to be present. The parade ordered for 5.25 p.m. is cancelled.

Musketry Part II. See order No. 1.

Friday, September 7, 1928. Parade will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. Layers Class on No. 1 Gun. Gun Drill on No. 2 Gun. Signal Section under Sergeant Jack.

ENGINEER CO. & CORPS SIG. All ranks are reminded that Musketry Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, September 9.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. M. A. Johnson, M.M.

MOUNTED INFANTRY CO.

Friday, August 31. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction on the M.G. Sergt. Pott's Section only.

Tuesday, September 4. Parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. for Riding School.

Friday, September 7. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction on the M.G. Sergt. Watson's Section only.

ARMOURD CAR CO.

Car Section. Friday, August 31 and Friday, September 7. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Monday, September 3. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff.

Motor Cycle Section. A special practice run will be held on Friday, August 31 in the New Territories.

Dress: Uniform, Shorts, puttees and hose. Caps will be worn. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 6 p.m.

A special lighter will be along-side at Hong Kong for transport of Machines at 5.30 p.m.

A full attendance is very specially requested.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, September 3 and Friday, September 7. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Instruction.

Tuesday, September 4. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for formation ride.

Members whose machines are in Kowloon will parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 5.45 p.m. under Sergt. Spradbery for a formation ride. Dress: Muff.

Sunday, September 2. A tactical scheme will be held in the New Territories. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10 a.m.

A special lighter will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. Tiffin should be carried. Dress: Uniform, shorts, puttees, hose, and belts. Helmets will be worn.

MACHINE GUN CO.

N.C.O.'s Class will be held as usual on Friday, August 31 at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Remainder will parade at the same time and place and proceed to Kennedy road range in Ford Truck under Lieut. J. Norrie Owen. Dress: Muff.

Recruits will parade under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C., at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters as hereunder:

Tuesday, September 4 and Friday, September 7. Squad Drill without arms. Dress: Muff and belt.

The Company will parade at full strength on Tuesday, September 11 at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters, when the official training season commences. Dress: Muff.

Members are reminded of the Company Dinner to be held at Headquarters on Friday, September 14, at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets price \$2 each are obtainable from Platoon Commanders.

SCOTTISH CO.

Thursday, September 6, Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction in Vickers Gun. Dress: Muff.

Thursday, September 6, No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon Dock for instruction in Vickers Gun.

Forthcoming Events. At Corps Headquarters on Wednesday, September 12 at 6 p.m.

Musketry Part II. Sunday, September 30 at Stonecutters. Details later.

PORTUGUESE CO.

Practice Parade for Guard of Honour. The Company will parade at full strength at Corps Headquarters on Friday, August 31, Monday, September 3 and Friday, September 7 at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff, belt and sidearms, rifle.

Clothing and Equipment Inspection. The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, September 10, for Clothing and Equipment Inspection.

Dress: Optional but all clothing and equipment must be brought for inspection. All Ranks must attend.

STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1369 Pte. G. W. Cooper, No. 2 Platoon, as from August 24, 1928.

No. 1370 Pte. J. Murray, Reserve Coy., from August 24, 1928.

No. 1371 Bandsman G. A. V. Ribeiro, Corps Band, from August 28, 1928.

No. 1372 Bandsman J. M. V. Figueiredo, Corps Band, from August 28, 1928.

No. 1373 Pte. J. L. Bonnar, No. 1 Platoon, from August 30, 1928.

COMMAND OF UNIT.

Lieut. C. P. Anderson, M.C., takes over command of The Battery, as from September 1, from Captain T. Addis Martin.

TRANSFERS.

No. 1208 Bandsman C. V. F. Souza is transferred from the Corps Band to No. 10 Platoon (Portuguese Company), as from August 28, 1928.

Bandsmen No. 1226 F. A. Souza, No. 1219 A. L. Rocha and No. 1231 A. V. Remedios, are transferred from the Corps Band to the Portuguese Company, as from August 28, 1928.

CORRECTION.

Reference Corps Order No. 344, para. 7 dated August 24, 1928. No. 1368 Pte. D. E. Ellis is posted to No. 1 Platoon and not No. 2 Platoon as previously stated.

LEAVE.

Captain T. Addis Martin granted sick leave in the Colony from September 1, 1928 to October 31, 1928.

Lieut. J. E. Hancock granted leave of absence from the Colony from September 3, 1928 to September 30, 1928.

STRUCK OFF.

As from April 16, 1928 having failed to complete the requirements of Efficiency for Training Season 1927-1928:—

No. 791 Pte. A. J. Pilgrim, Armoured Car Company, as from August 22, 1928.

No. 1245 Pte. P. Castilho, No. 9 Platoon.

NOTES.

1. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their Meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, September 2, 1928 at 9.30 a.m. which it is hoped will be as well supported as usual.

2. Billiards. The next round of the Soldier's Club Billiard Tournament between H.K.V.D.C. v. 31st Battery, R.A., will be played on September 6 and 7, 1928, commencing at 8 p.m. each evening.

3. Hockey. The following will represent the Corps against the H.K.S.R.A. at the H.K.S.R.A. Marina Ground, Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, September 6 in whites:—Pte. A. C. Howell (Motor Cycle Section); Pte. H. V. Parker (Machine Gun Co.); Cpl. D. Lyon (Scottish Co.); L/Cpl. A. A. Dand (D.E.L. Section), Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell (Machine Gun Co.), Pte. T. S. D. Whitley (Machine Gun Co.), Lieut. H. Owen Hughes (Machine Gun Co.), 2/Lieut. B. K. Valentine (Car Section), Pte. V. W. L. Stanion (Machine Gun Co.), Pte. C. G. Francis (Machine Gun Co.), Pte. G. P. Lammert (Machine Gun Co.).

4. Promenade Concert. Promenade Concert will be held at Volunteer Parade Ground on Friday, September 21, 1928 at 9.15 p.m. when, by kind permission of Lieut. Colonel H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers, the Band of 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment will play.

Admission \$1 and all other arrangements as before.

Montreal. Yesterday. Three have been killed and four injured in a hurricane in Berthier County.

Athens. Yesterday. The fever epidemic is now abating.

DEAD SEA RICHES.

RIVAL INTERESTS IN THE FIELD.

THE CONCESSIONS.

Apert from one or two debates in the House of Lords and sporadic questions in the House of Commons, singularly little attention has been drawn to the far-reaching issues raised by the grant of a concession for the exploitation of the chemical deposits in the Dead Sea, writes an "Observer" correspondent.

From every angle the projects which the Colonial Office has for years past been considering involve questions of the highest public interest. First and foremost, there presents itself the possibility of a vast addition to the world's supply of certain chemical products, notably potash, necessary for agriculture throughout the world and at present controlled almost exclusively by German and Alsatian groups working in co-operation. Secondly, there are issues arising out of the special position of Palestine and Transjordan (between which the Dead Sea lies) as Mandate areas over which the League of Nations holds some ultimate responsibility.

Thirdly, there are the rival interests of Jews and Arabs in those countries, a factor of particular importance in view of the official announcement made more than once in both Houses of Parliament that it has been provisionally decided to grant the concession to a group in which the chief figure is a leading member of the Zionist organisation in Palestine. In that connection special interest attaches to the dual position of Lord Melchett (Sir Alfred Mond) as treasurer of the Zionist organisation and chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, which could not fail to be directly concerned in the prospect of a vast addition to the world's chemical resources. Finally, to the ordinary man there cannot but be a certain fascination in projects for the exploitation of an area so intimately familiar through Biblical narratives.

\$2,500 DAMAGES.

AWARDED IN CAR COLLISION SEQUEL.

Damages amounting to £2,500 were awarded at Middlesex Sheriff's Court to Richard Comyn Swanwick Hall, of Chafford House, Fordcombe, Kent, against Walter Rhodes, of The Trench, Hildenborough, Kent.

Evidence was given that on Jan. 11 the plaintiff on his motorcycle and the defendant in his car came in collision on the Hildenborough-Leigh-road, near Tonbridge, Kent. As a result, the plaintiff, a young man engaged in X-ray work, was severely injured.

Hall is now a patient at Guy's Hospital, and was brought to the court on an ambulance.

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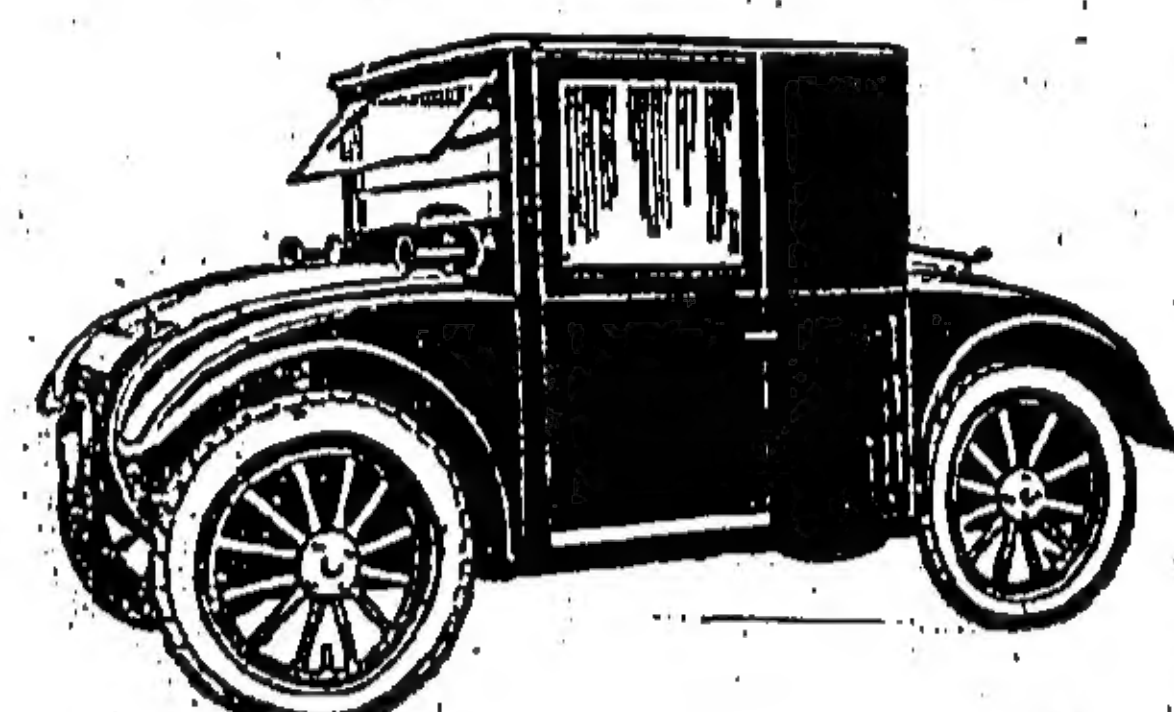
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BOWLS.

A FEW WORDS TO THE ASSOCIATION.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

[By "Blas"]

There was nothing very exciting in any of the games last Saturday. In the First Division both Dock teams won away where there was just the chance that they might lose. The Bowling Green have been going very strongly lately but they were up against seasoned opponents and it would have been a feat if they had won. There is very little alteration in the table. Kowloon Dock take second place at the moment and Craignower, having played their unfinished match and won, are still further ahead. The main interest left in the first division is—can the leaders go through without losing a point.

In the second division I was glad to see the lowly Yacht Club winning and this should give them some encouragement for the stiff hurdle they have to face tomorrow. East Point, as expected, proved no match for Civil Service, the leaders, who won comfortably. I did not expect to see K.C.C. second string take the points at Taikoo and whether it was the green or the team or both, they had to come away pointless. The Civil Servants are still the leaders and are confident they can stay at the top.

PROSPECTS.

A very keen game will be seen on Craignower green against their next door neighbours, the Police. The teams know each other well and they know each other's green and the Police are out to draw first blood, so the match should be worth seeing.

The two docks play at Taikoo and this should also be a close game. Both sides are slightly weakened on account of players going to Shanghai for the Inter-port. I think Taikoo on their own sward will just manage to get home. Kowloon Bowling Green are at home to their neighbours, the Cricket Club, and after last week's reverse I expect them to make no mistake about winning.

THE SPEY ROYAL.

I notice that although the draw was published at the same time as the draw for the Open Singles nothing has yet been done. As a number of the Club are Cricket Clubs, Saturday afternoon will in some cases not be open for bowls, and very often a ground is engaged for Cricket on a Wednesday afternoon. Something will have to be done soon. Craignower play Kowloon Bowling Green at the Valley in the first round, and Kowloon Dock entertain the Police. Two of these teams are weakened at present by the absence of Inter-port Players and if the matches stand over the final may take place in Christmas Week.

Rule I, says the rink may be altered or changed for any of the games if required, and on that account these two matches should have been played long ago. I expect now to see some action taken by the Association.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The following matches are down for decision to-morrow—

Division I.

Craignower C.C. v. Police R.C.
Kowloon Bowling Green v. Kowloon C.C.
Taikoo R.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.

Division II.

Civil Service C.C. v. Craignower C.C.
East Point R.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Bowling Green.
Recreio "A" v. Recreio "B".

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WALKER CUP.

AMERICAN SUCCESS IN GOLF FIXTURE.

BRITONS SWAMPED.

Chicago, Yesterday. The sixth Anglo-American Walker Cup golf contest has opened. It consists of four foursomes, which were played yesterday, and eight singles to be played to-day, all over 36 holes. The British representatives are confident but it is generally felt there is little hope of capturing the trophy, which America has retained since the institution of the contest in 1921.

The Americans won all the foursomes. Von Elm and Sweetser beat Perkins and Tweddell 7 and 6, Outmet and Johnstone beat Torrance and Storey 4 and 2, Gunn and Mackenzie beat Beck and MacCallum 7 and 5, and Jones and Evans beat Hazlet and Hope 5 and 3.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME SOCCER.

RESULTS IN THE THIRD DIVISION.

London, Yesterday.

Division III (S).
Northampton Town 2, Luton 0.
Queen's Park R. 0, Newport 0.

Division III (N).
Carlisle U. 2, Bradford C. 2.

The New Brighton-Chesterfield match was not played.—Reuter.

RUGGER SECTION.

H.K.F.C. ANNUAL MEETING TO-DAY.

OFFICERS SELECTED.

Good prospects for the coming season were indicated at a meeting of ruggerites held yesterday in Union-building, prior to the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Football Club this evening. Officers were proposed, the names of which will be submitted to to-day's general meeting as representative of those to represent the rugger section of the Club.

Mr. S. J. Jordan invited Mr. J. Ralston, an "old" player, to preside. Mr. Ralston reminded those present that they were going into a brand new clubhouse with a completely enclosed ground. The Football Club, he said, was at the disposal of the rugger section so long as they took advantage of it. One of the hopes of the season was that the cup for the Interport with Shanghai would be captured.

The Rev. Mr. H. V. Koop and Mr. C. D. Wales were chosen as captain and vice-captain. Their selection will come up before to-day's meeting. Mr. W. R. Andrews was appointed team secretary and Mr. G. P. Lammert fixtures secretary. Mr. S. J. Jordan, Mr. W. Beveridge and Mr. H. F. Akehurst were appointed as members of the unofficial sub-committee.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Craignower C.C.	10	10	0	0	20
Kowloon Dock R.C.	11	6	1	4	13
Police R.C.	10	6	0	4	12
Taikoo R.C.	10	5	0	5	10
Kowloon B.G.C.	10	4	0	6	8
Kowloon C.C.	10	3	1	6	7
Civil Service C.C.	11	1	0	10	2

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Civil Service C.C.	11	8	1	2	17
Recreio "A"	10	7	0	3	14
Kowloon B.G.C.	11	6	1	4	13
Taikoo R.C.	10	6	0	4	12
Craignower C.C.	11	5	0	6	10
Recreio "B"	10	4	1	5	9
East Point R.C.	12	4	0	8	8
Kowloon C.C.	10	3	1	6	7
Yacht Club	10	2	0	8	4

TENNIS LEAGUE.

"C" CHAMPIONSHIP STILL UNDECIDED.

THE CHINESE R.C. TIE.

With the exception of the three matches played last Saturday, no further progress was made in the tennis league during the week.

All the fixtures in the "A" division have been completed, four clubs have each one more match to play in the "B" while in the "C" division, in view of the approaching cricket and soccer season it is likely that as soon as the championship is decided, the remaining matches will be abandoned.

It was particularly unfortunate that rain interrupted the fixture between the two Chinese Recreation Club teams in the "C" division last Saturday. The "No. 1" team were having the better of the argument at the end of the first round when play was stopped. A win for them would have meant the retaining of the Shield at the C.R.C. Club de Recreio II are hoping that the Chinese "No. 2" team will upset calculations in the re-play so that the Portuguese side will be brought in again in a triangular contest for first place.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

"A" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	5	6	0	12
Hong Kong C.C.	5	4	2	8
M.B.K.	5	4	2	8
Indian R.C.	6	2	4	4
Kowloon C.C.	6	2	4	4
University	6	2	4	4
Craignower C.C.	6	1	5	2

"B" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	10	10	0	20
South China A.A.	10	9	1	18
Hong Kong C.C.	10	8	2	16
Recreio	9	6	3	12
Nippon Club	9	4	5	8
M.B.K.	9	4	5	8
University	10	4	6	8
Indian R.C.	10	4	6	8
Craignower C.C.	10	2	8	4
Royal Engineers	10	2	8	4
Kowloon C.C.	9	0	9	0

"C" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. I.	13	13	0	26
Chinese R.C. II.	13	12	1	24
Recreio II.	13	12	1	24
Civil Service C.C.	14	10	4	20
Hong Kong C.C.	12	8	4	16
Kowloon C.C.	11	7	4	14
South China A.A.	11	6	5	12
Recreio I.	13	6	7	12
R.A.O.C.	13	5	8	10
R.A.M.C.	11	4	7	8
Kennedy-trd. M.Q.	12	4	8	8
Nippon	10	2	8	4
Y.M.C.A.	12	2	10	4
Indian R.C.	14	1	13	2
Kowloon I.T.C.	12	0	12	0

YACHTING RACE.

HONG KONG TEAM FOR SHANGHAI.

Mr. A. L. Shields, Commodore of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, and the following members, Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, D.S.O., R.A., Captain F. G. Le Gros, R.A., Mr. F. Tracy, are leaving Hong Kong on Sept. 11, on the "President McKinley," to compete against the Shanghai Yacht Club in an interport race.

The first race of the kind was in Jan. 1925 when Shanghai came down and lost in the Hong Kong boats. Hong Kong is to use this time the Byrnes class of yachts which have their home in Soochow Creek, off the Whangpoo.

6TH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the sixth extra race meeting (Saturday and Monday, October 6 and 8) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay stables. Entries close at noon on Saturday, September 22.

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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Tuesday.

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Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.105
Milan	92.60
Berlin	20.87
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.425
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/4
Madrid	28.225
Lisbon	2 7/8
Athens	87 1/2
Bucharest	79 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/6 31/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Hong Kong	2/0
Yokohama	1/40 1/2
Silver Spot	23 1/2
Silver Forward	27 1/16

—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

HAPPY VALLEY GAMES THIS WEEK-END.

LEAGUE POSTPONEMENT.

Because players on both sides are injured, the senior league baseball match between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and the South China A.A. "Dragons" down for to-morrow has been postponed until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The junior fixture between Chinese Athletic and Young Men's Baseball Club will be played to-morrow at 4 p.m.

There may also be played to-morrow a match to decide the championship of the South China Patrol of the U.S. Navy, between teams representing the U.S.S. "Asheville" and "Sacramento."

Egham (Surrey) brigade were called to two trees on fire at different times in College-avenue and boys are suspected of being responsible.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will leave for Canada and while in Vancouver will unveil a statue to Robert Burns.

THE SHARE MARKET.

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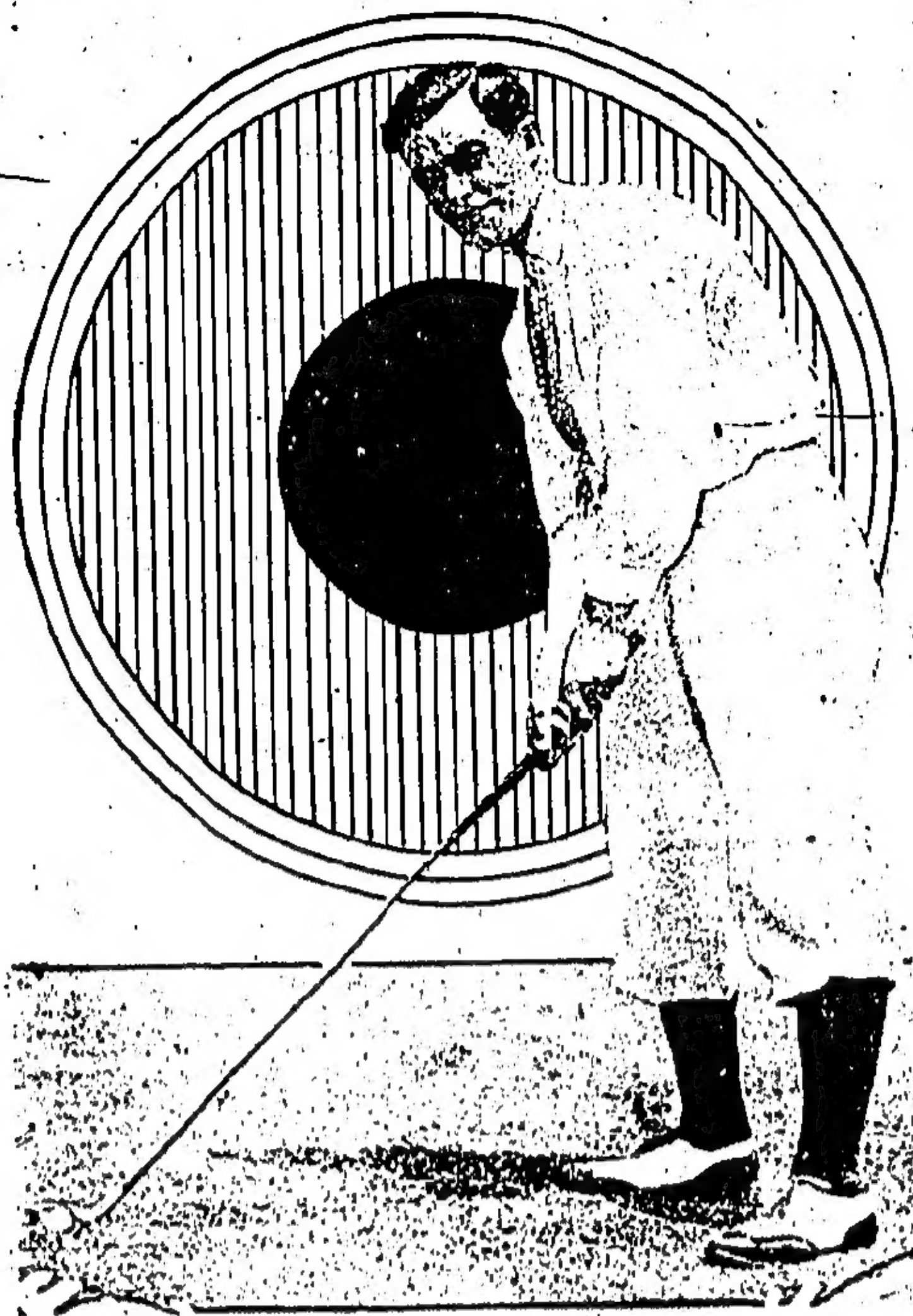
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Johnny Farrell, national open golf champion, pictured as he arrived to play in the Metropolitan open golf championship at the Snickmaxon Country Club, Westfield, N.J.

Best of Their Sex in Tennis.



America's own Helen Wills (right) and Senorita de Alvarez, flashing Spanish star, posed for this picture on the courts at Wimbledon shortly before their match for supremacy. The California girl won in straight sets.

Cool Summer Gown.



One of the successful evening frocks of midsummer is the printed chiffon with the uneven hemline. This gown designed by Maison Arthur, is of printed blue and white daisies on a black ground and features the flare front with the drapery caught at the side with two large white flowers.

Implicates Others.



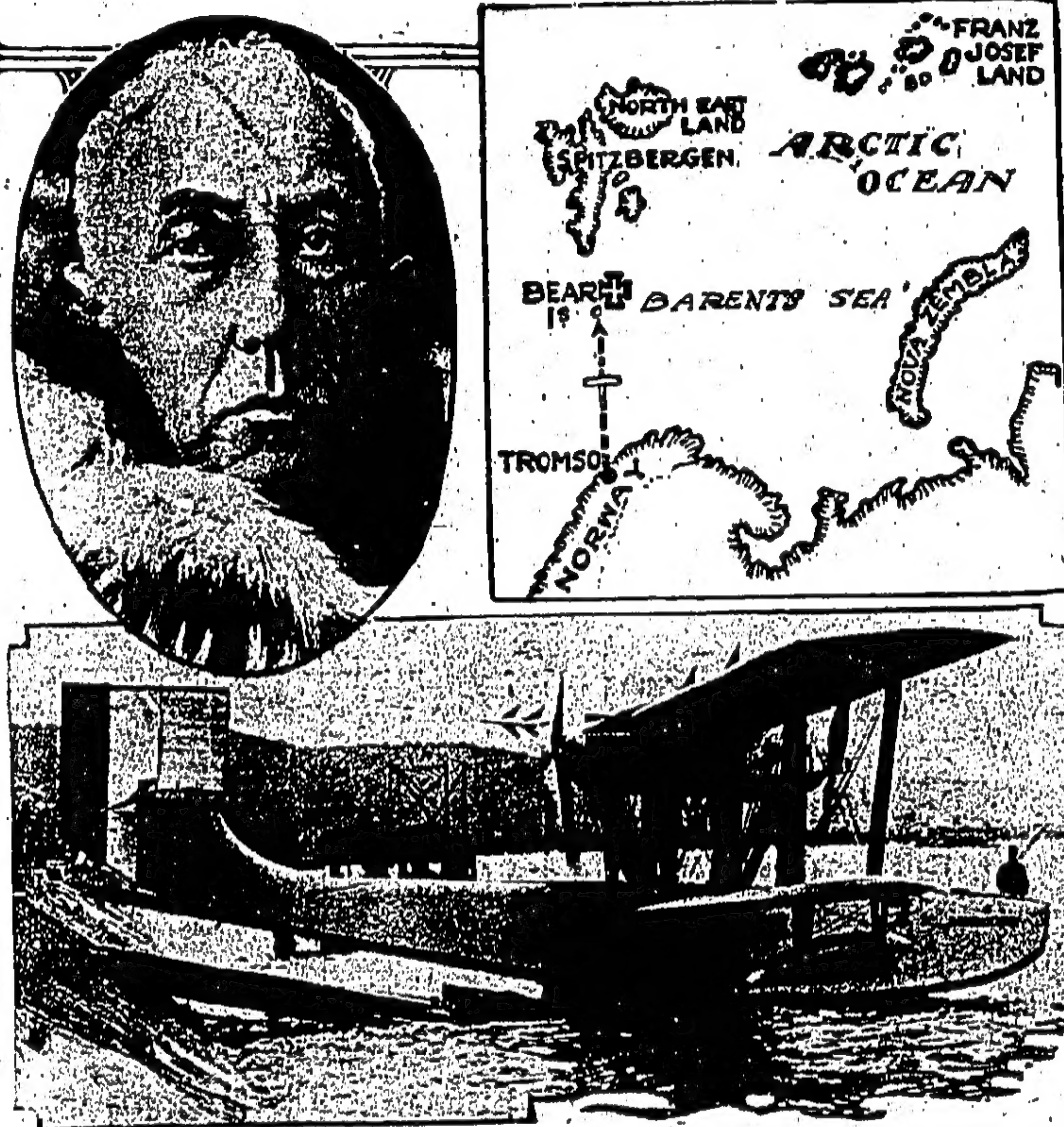
José de Leon Toral, slayer of General Alvaro Obregón, president-elect of Mexico, has implicated many officials high in the confidence of the Government, according to word from Mexico City.

Reminiscent of 10 Years Ago.



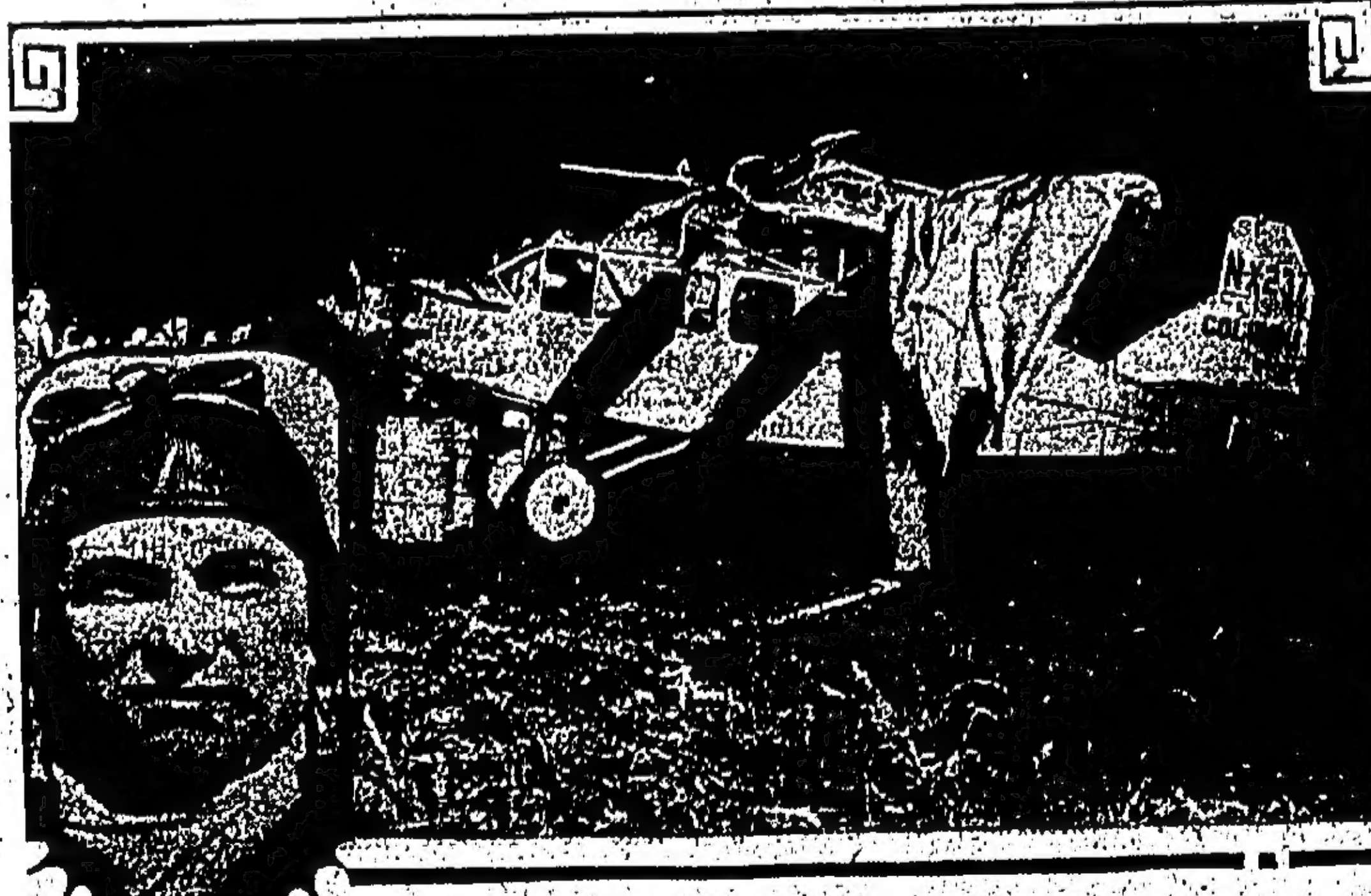
Many a veteran of the western front in France will see in the above pictures a slice out of his own life when the "covered waggons" and the caissons bumped and rolled and covered an army an inch thick with dust as America's youngsters took their place in the Allied lines. The above views show an experimental motorisation of a regular army unit at Camp Meade, Md., with approximately 250 vehicles and 1,100 soldiers in line.

Hunt for Clue of Amundsen in the Arctic.



Capt. Roald Amundsen (inset at left) was swallowed up in the Arctic. The Norwegian Admiralty then learned that two fishermen on Bear Island came upon tracks of two wheels about six feet apart, running along about eighty feet to the edge of a precipice, a fur cap, a piece of a fur coat, and small pieces of broken wood. The wireless station on Bear Island was the last to hear Amundsen's plane, a fact which would indicate that the explorer might have crashed so near the precipice that his plane continued into the sea below. Below, the plane in which the explorer and five companions set out from Tromsø on their search for Nobile.

Cracks Up Trans-Ocean Plane.



Charles A. Levine, the playboy of aviation (inset), caused the hearts of spectators to skip several beats when he landed his famous Bellanca monoplane "Columbia" in a fence at Curtiss Field with disastrous effects for both. The above picture shows the wreckage, from which the millionaire junk dealer emerged without a scratch.



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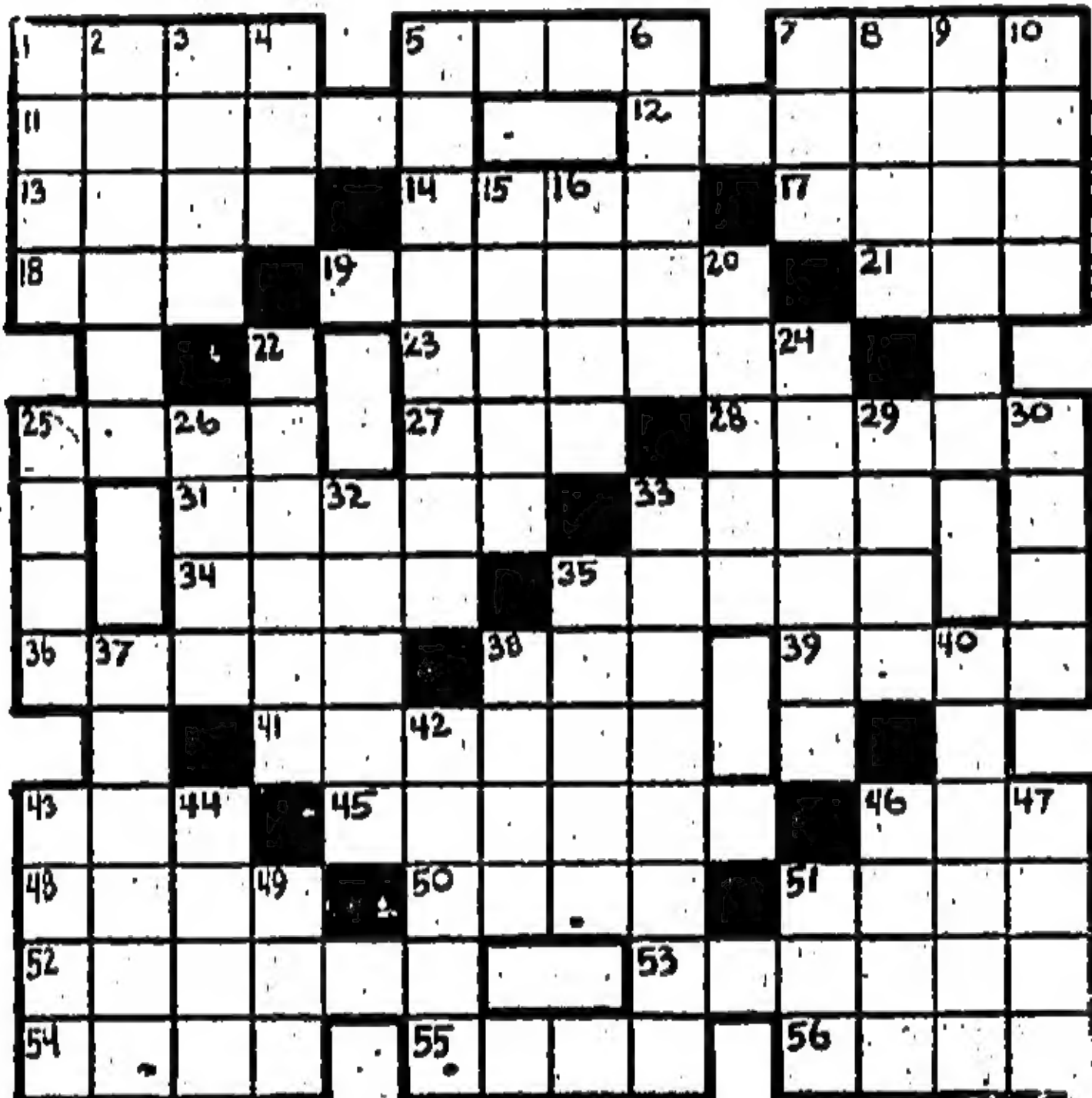
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-To flutter
- 3-A size of type
- 7-A high ranking priest of Lamale
- 11-Localities
- 12-What is the capital of French-Indo China?
- 13-Mr. name
- 14-Being close by
- 17-Substance often found in bogs
- 18-A foot-like organ
- 19-Of what group of islands is Ponta Delgada the capital?
- 21-Sainte (abbr.)
- 22-A pseudonym
- 23-Thin strip of wood
- 27-To cut the edges off a coin
- 28-An English novelist
- 31-A district, W. Cyrenales, N. Africa
- 33-Sea
- 34-A Great Lake
- 35-Intended for use upon occasions of ceremony
- 36-A Scripture proper name
- 38-The swell of the ocean
- 39-A sharp stroke of caronem

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-What is a hot, dry, dust-laden wind of the desert?
- 43-Equivalence
- 45-What river flows from Baden, Germany, to the Black Sea?
- 46-An extinct bird of New Zealand
- 48-Superficial extent
- 50-What is the capital of Norway?
- 51-To cease to please
- 52-Pertaining to a steel
- 53-Who was the Muse of Astronomy?
- 54-To communicate knowledge of
- 55-A short poem
- 56-Spreads loosely for drying

VERTICAL

- 1-To strike suddenly
- 2-Who is the President of Harvard University?
- 3-Freeze
- 4-A color
- 5-A cable station, Cornwall, England
- 6-Pale
- 7-The margin of anything
- 8-Period of existence (pl.)
- 9-Surrounded with a defensive ditch

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10-To pay one's share
- 12-The coast regions and islands of W. Asia Minor
- 15-A mixture of spirits and water
- 20-Of what country is Damascus the capital?
- 22-Be too conspicuous
- 24-Ardor
- 25-To place violently
- 26-Who was the second son of Adam?
- 28-Toward the sea
- 30-To engrave by means of a corrosive fluid
- 32-Resisting change of form
- 33-What is the Turkish name for Constantinople?
- 35-What is the capital of Chosen?
- 37-A game of cards for two people
- 38-Natives of a country
- 40-Expressing no power of feeling
- 42-A Polynesian native of New Zealand
- 43-Accomplished
- 44-A wooden spoon for cotton
- 46-Neck-hair of lion
- 47-An interjection
- 51-Exactly suitable in time

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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Presiding at a luncheon in the Carlton Hotel after the presentation of the film, Sir Walter de Freese, M.P., declared his belief that the "talking" film, in one form or another, had come to stay. He did not share the fears of those who thought that these new devices were a serious menace to the older drama, which, in his opinion, could never die.

"THE TRAGIC MUSE."

[Adapted from Henry James's Novel by Hubert Griffith.]

Henry James does not dramatise well or even ill; he does not dramatise at all. He was the author of still-life pieces, and he imagined that his sentences were moving when they were merely lengthening. Mr. Griffith has done better with him than he was ever able to do with himself on the stage, but he has not done enough; for he has turned the novel into a bravura play in which a single character, Miriam Rooth, is given a monopoly of the interest. The other characters are scarcely background to her. They appear; they stand about; they depart. But who they are or what they are or why they are we neither know nor care. Mr. Griffith adapts the Jacobean speech very skilfully to the stage, but he does not manipulate the people with equal skill. They seem to wander on and off the scene for no reason. Miriam is always running away or entering in a manner that suggests that she has forgotten to bring an important property with her. We imagine that she is muttering to the other actors, "I've left my muff in my dressing-room. Improvise, darlings, while I go and fetch it!" And improvise the

darlings do. That, indeed, is the capital defect of this piece. It appears to have been improvised. The players seem to have taken a peep at the novel at a moment or two before coming on to the stage and then, rather breathlessly, have dashed on and said as much of it as they can remember before dashing off again for another peep.

The satisfying aspect of the play is that it provides Miss Edith Evans with a magnificent opportunity to manifest her great gifts. I observe with dismay that some of my colleagues have expressed dissatisfaction with her performance. I, therefore, announce to the world that it was a splendid piece of acting, a rich exhibition of rich comedy that would do honour to our theatre if it were put in comparison with comedy acting anywhere. Miss Evans is an original genius. That means that traditionalists are disturbed by her, and being disturbed, naturally feel inclined to decry her abilities, even to deny that they are abilities. Let her not bother her head about them. There never was an original actor or actress who was not decry'd by traditionalists. These people will be licking her boots before she has finished with them. Mr. Frank Allenby gave a good performance. So did Miss Margaret Carter. So did Miss Una O'Connor. So did Mr. Reginald Gardiner. The others might have given good performances if Mr. Griffith had remembered to write their parts. St. J. E. in "Observer."

"MY LADY'S MILL."

[By Eden and Adelaide Phillips.]

Mr. and Miss Phillips have done this piece with rather less than the skill the usually display in dramatising rustic humour, writes Mr. St. J. E. Ervine in the "Observer." "My Lady's Mill" is heavy with explanations that are stiff, after the manner of written explanations, and not easy, after the manner of spoken explanations. The result is obscurity at the beginning of the play. I had difficulty in understanding the relationship of the various characters to each other, nor could I for some time discover what was Alexander Parable's grievance or why he so disliked women and opposed himself to marriage. Very unjustly, I accused my own mind of fault for this; but was relieved to learn, after the first act, that my inability to follow this part of the play was shared with other members of the audience. The dramatists at this point have been too faithful to the novelist, and have not, as they ought to have done, re-rendered his account of his people in the

more flexible fashion of the playwright.

The play's obscurity here was increased by the curious casting and the inferior production. There were at least four styles of speech among the eight characters: Irish, Cockney, superior Surbiton, and semi-Somerset. Mr. Petley scarcely convinced us of the Devonian tongue of his Mr. Honeywell by saying "Be'ee" immediately after he had described Jacko Blaker as a "bed led," nor did Mr. Gordon Harker make us feel that he had ever been nearer to a Devonshirecombe than Clapham Common; nor did Mr. Lawrence Anderson, despite his gallant attempts, make us believe that his David had grown anywhere but in some well-brushed village where everything is done in the nicest way. Nor did Miss Clare Harris make us forget Merrion Square, Dublin, and remember only a grocer's shop in Devon. Mr. Reginald Bach, himself a good producer, presented us with the amazing spectacle of a man offering himself up as a burnt-offering to another producer; for he reproduced the mannerisms and speech of Mr. Cedric Hardwicke, who had attended to this piece, as if he were determined to make us believe that Mr. Hardwicke had deserted "The Show Boat" for "My Lady's Mill." Mr. Robert Newton and Miss Helena Pickard both did well what little they had to do, and Miss Druisilla Wills gave a magnificent performance in the part of a Phillips spinster.

The story of the piece is simple, and it is unnecessary to say that the old misogynist is defeated in the end by the clever young woman engineer, who induces him to modernise his mill and allow the young and the old lovers to marry. The story is not material in these country pieces; the humours are; and the humours are here, even although they are overlaid with intellectualities that scarcely belong to the characters and with sentimentalities that are not out of character, but are out of key. Several lines that were right enough in themselves were spoken so absurdly by the players that they were almost derided by a restive gallery mainly composed, judging by the squeals and giggles one heard, of young women whose notions of the country are bounded on the north, south, east, and west by Hyde Park. Lightened of some of its rigid passages in the first act, quickened in its progress in the second and third, and relieved of some dull and repetitive scenes, "My Lady's Mill" might easily be made as successful as "The Farmer's Wife" and "Yellow Sands." The good parts are so good that the poor parts seem to be unaccountably poor.

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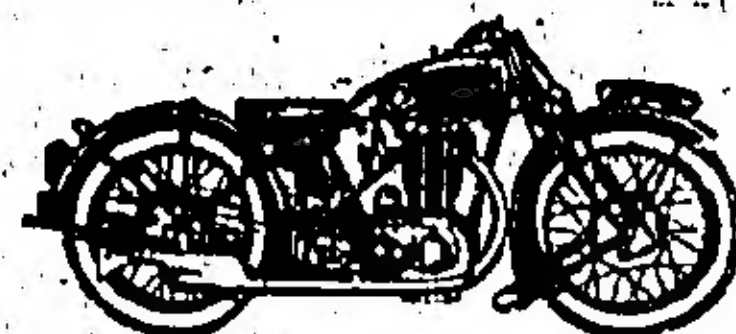


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HOW IT WAS DONE BY FORMER EMPLOYEE.

SIX MONTHS' "HARD."

How a defendant managed to obtain admission into a ground floor shop in Wuhu-street, Kowloon City, was told to Mr. W. Schofield, at Kowloon Court to-day, when Detective Sub-Inspector Dorling gave the facts of the case, in which a Chinese was charged with the theft of \$46 from No. 46 Wuhu-street, the residence of complainant.

The prosecution stated that defendant was formerly employed by complainant. Three days before the larceny took place, defendant resigned his position as assistant accountant. They were not acquainted with each other before defendant obtained employment in the shop.

Continuing the prosecution said that defendant was searched in Granville-road by a Chinese detective in the ordinary course of his duty. As a result, a gold watch was found in his possession, of which defendant could give no adequate reply as to how he obtained it.

He was taken to the police station, where he admitted having stolen the watch from the shop where he was formerly employed.

YAUMATI MURDER.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AT POLICE COURT.

AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The case in which two Chinese are suspected in connection with the murder committed recently outside No. 111 Wooning-street was again called before Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning when Detective Sub-Inspector Fallon applied for a further formal remand for a week. This is the third time that defendants have appeared in Court.

The application was granted and the case accordingly remanded till Friday next, September 7, at 10 a.m.

TWO RIFLES.

DISCOVERED IN WANCHAI ROAD PREMISES.

Before Major C. Willson O.B.E., at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, Detective Sergeant Whelan of No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, applied for an order for the confiscation of two rifles, found under the staircase of No. 227 Wanchai-road, on August 22.

The Sergeant told the Magistrate that, as the result of information received, he went to the house at 9.30 p.m. and took possession of the rifles.

The house had been empty for some time, and only that day a family had moved into one of the floors. Apparently some one dropped a 10-cent piece and it fell in a chink between two of the floor boards.

In order to recover the money, the floor boards, which were loose, were removed, and then the two rifles were brought to light.

The Sergeant added that the rifles were of antiquated pattern and did not bear any marks of make or other means of identification.

His Worship made the confiscation order.

A GERMAN WAR LOAN FRAUD.

SENSATIONAL CASE.

HUGO STINNES SENT TO GOAL.

BUYING ABROAD.

Berlin, Yesterday. The big business man, Hugo Stinnes, son of the late Hugo Stinnes (the richest man in Germany during the inflation period) has been gaoled in connection with the War Loan frauds, for which Stinnes was secretary.

Von Waldow, who was arrested some weeks ago, declared that Stinnes was aware of the projected fraud. This Stinnes denied.

The fraud consisted of buying German war stock abroad and registering it in Berlin as original War Loan Stock, which had not changed hands since the 1918 revolution and, consequently, had been revalorised by the Government, whereas the stock which had changed hands since 1918 was practically worthless.—Reuter.

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN.

SETS OUT ON "A VOYAGE OF RECOVERY."

STILL VERY WEAK.

London, Yesterday. Sir Austen Chamberlain, looking pale and drawn, left London for Liverpool to-day to embark on the steamship "Orcoma." He was accompanied by his wife, daughter and younger son. His tour of convalescence is held via Bermuda, Havana, the Panama Canal, San Francisco, Vancouver and Montreal.

He managed to walk along the platform only with the greatest difficulty, leaning on the arm of his elder son Joseph, and was almost lifted into the train.

"Looking Very Ill."

Sir A. Chamberlain, on his arrival in Liverpool, looked very ill. He is suffering acutely from neuritis, for which he had his left arm in a sling. His daughter, Diane assisted him to alight from the train.

Sir Austen, who was wearing a sprig of white heather in his overcoat, smiled cheerfully as he accepted the use of an invalid chair from the station to the landing stage from which seamen carried him, seated in a chair, aboard the "Orcoma."—Reuter.

Ten Week's Tour.

London, Yesterday. A British Wireless message says that Sir Austen Chamberlain left Liverpool to-day on his voyage of convalescence to Bermuda and through the West Indies to the Panama Canal.

On the Pacific side he will proceed to San Francisco and afterwards to Vancouver and so cross the Rockies to Montreal.

It is expected that he will be away about ten weeks.

The Foreign Secretary is making satisfactory recovery from his illness, but it has been requested that, to permit him full benefit of the complete rest, no public functions should be arranged for him during his tour.

RESERVOIR BURSTS.

HOUSES WASHED AWAY: 30 PERSONS MISSING.

AT KOMORO.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Thirty are missing and are believed to have been drowned as a result of the bursting of the reservoir at Komoro, the electric power station for Central Japan. Water poured down, washing away nine houses. Four bodies have so far been recovered.

RIVER DISASTER.

14 PERSONS MISSING NEAR PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Yesterday. A river steamer has capsized nearby, and 14 persons are missing.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

COTTON & ARTIFICIAL SILK SALES.

JULY FIGURES.

MANCHESTER MESSAGE SHOWS BIG EXPORT INCREASE.

EXCELLENT N. Z. MARKET.

London, Yesterday. Exports of piece goods of cotton and artificial silk mixed, for July, totalled 7,420,800 square yards of the value of £539,000, according to a Manchester message.

This is an increase of 1,873,800 square yards, valued at £187,900 over the figures of July, 1927.

There were increases in every world market except the British, West Africa, China and Colombia.

Trade with New Zealand in July was almost equal to the total for the previous six months.—British Wireless Service.

ROMAN CATHOLICS.

35,000 VISITORS ATTENDING EUCHARIST CONGRESS.

MAORI AND FIJI CHIEFS.

Sydney, Yesterday. Ecclesiastics and laymen are pouring in to attend the Roman Catholic Eucharistic Congress from all over the world, including the most outlandish places. For example, there are six Maori chiefs and a Fijian chief. Arrangements are being made to accommodate 35,000 visitors.

The Papal delegate, Cardinal Cerretti, arrived to-day and was welcomed by a vast crowd at the Woolloomooloo Wharf, which was draped in scarlet, green and Cardinal's purple. The great procession went to St. Mary's Cathedral, which the Cardinal declared, "comparable to any Cathedral in the Old World" and sang the "Te Deum," after which the Cardinal delivered a message from the Pope to his "far distant but most beloved children of Australia."—Reuter.

COURT MARTIAL.

PROCEEDINGS V. GUNNERS CONTINUE.

"STAR" FERRY INCIDENTS.

The trial by District Court Martial at Victoria Barracks of Gunner William Edward Shipley, 20th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, continued to-day.

After Shipley had given evidence yesterday, he called his witnesses to-day, these including Lance Bombardier Benjamin Cotton, R.A., who is also to be charged, and Warden Hodge.

Chief Warden J. C. West was present to watch proceedings on behalf of the Prisoners Dept.

Sgt. Fairburn, who was present at the time of certain incidents, was called by the Court to give evidence. The case is proceeding.

Shipley is charged with (1) absenting himself without leave on August 15, in that he was absent from tattoo roll call at Stonecutters, and continued to be absent until he was apprehended on 10.45 p.m., on the same date in the vicinity of the "Star" Ferry Wharf, Hong Kong; and (2) resisting a military escort which tried to apprehend him for alleged drunkenness.

Capt. W. J. Stopford, 20th Heavy Battery, R.A., prosecuted. Capt. H. E. Le Gros, H.K.S., R.A., defended.

WEST CHINA WAR.

Kiukiang, Yesterday. It now appears certain that Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," has left Nanking and returned to his own province of Honan.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: It will be recalled that the "Christian General" is assembling his troops for a drive against the opposition in the west of China Proper.]

Mr. George Parker Morris, town clerk of Chesterfield, has been recommended to be town clerk of the City of Westminster at a salary of £1,800, in place of Sir John Hunt, retiring at the end of December.

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